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## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

### TIME-TABLE.

#### UP TRAINS

STATIONS	O				F				S				O				S			
	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 13 NOON	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.	No. 25 P.M.		
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.30	9.08	9.15	10.00	10.10	11.10	11.25	9.23	9.33	9.45	4.40	5.40	7.40	7.48	7.58	7.58		
Swatow Dep.	—	—	—	—	9.25	10.08	10.18	12.13	12.13	2.41	—	—	4.38	5.48	7.48	7.58	7.58	7.58		
Shanghai Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.38	10.20	10.30	11.31	11.31	2.52	—	—	4.50	6.00	7.58	7.58	7.58	7.58		
Taipei Dep.	7.10	—	—	—	9.58	10.33	10.43	1.48	—	3.06	—	—	4.04	6.13	8.08	8.08	8.08	8.08		
Market Dep.	7.38	—	—	—	9.58	10.37	10.47	1.53	—	3.10	—	—	5.08	6.17	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1		
Fuzhou Dep.	7.50	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	10.57	2.03	—	3.20	—	—	5.18	6.27	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23		
Shanghai	—	—	9.07	9.45	10.15	10.58	1.02	2.07	—	3.25	3.44	5.23	6.32	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27		
Shanghai	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.51	10.21	10.58	1.08	2.13	3.05	3.21	3.30	5.29	6.38	8.33	8.33	8.33	8.33	8.33		
Canton Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	5.48	—	—	—	6.30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		







## THEATRE ROYAL

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## HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,  
COMMANDANT.]

No. 5/1929.

### 1.—Annual Inspection.

The G.O.C. will inspect the  
Corps on Friday, February 2nd,  
on Murray Parade Ground at 5.50 p.m.

The Corps will parade at Volun-  
teer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. as  
for ceremonial, in four Companies.

No. 1 Company, under Captain  
F. Syme Thomson. Composed of:

The Battery,  
Engineer Company,  
Signals.

No. 2 Company, under Captain  
E. J. R. Mitchell. Composed of:

M.I. Company,  
Armoured Car Section,  
Motor Cycle Section,  
Machine Gun Company.

No. 3 Company, under Captain  
K. S. Morrison. Composed of:

Scottish Company,  
Scottish Reserves.

No. 4 Company, under Captain  
R. R. Davies. Composed of:

Portuguese Company.

Officer for King's Colour: 2/Lt.  
M. A. Johnson, M.M.

Officer for Regimental Colour:  
2/Lt. H. R. Forsyth.

Dress: Corps review order:  
Helmet, khaki tunic, shorts, black  
boots, puttees, hose, belt, rifle  
and bayonet, medals. Scottish Com-  
pany will compl.

### PRACTICE PARADES.

There will be a practice parade  
in uniform on Murray Parade  
ground on Tuesday, February 19th.  
Parade at Volunteer Headquarters  
at 5.30 p.m.

The Parade Ground at Volunteer  
Headquarters will be available for  
Companies to hold practice parades  
in mufti as follows:—

No. 1 Company—Monday, Feb.  
4th.

No. 2 Company—Tuesday, Feb.  
5th.

No. 3 Company—Thursday, Feb.  
14th.

No. 4 Company—Friday, Feb.  
15th.

Band—Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

All ranks are required to attend  
the G.O.C.'s Inspection unless  
specially exempted by the Com-  
mandant.

Applications for exemption sup-  
ported by sufficient documentary or  
medical evidence to be submitted  
through Company Commanders.

### 2.—Officers Sword Drill.

All available Officers will parade  
under the Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. at  
Volunteer Headquarters on Tues-  
day, February 5th, and Thursday,  
February 7th.

Dress: Mufti, swords.

### 3.—Musketry.

The Engineer Company and Corps  
Signals will fire Table "T" at  
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,  
February 3rd.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. D.  
Read.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier  
at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier  
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle,  
belt, bayonet, braces and pouches.  
Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps  
Headquarters on Friday, February  
1st, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon,  
2 and 4 p.m.; and 5 and 6 p.m., and  
on Saturday, February 2nd, be-  
tween 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### 4.—Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full  
strength at Headquarters on dates  
as hereunder:—

Tuesday, February 5th:—Lecture  
Room.

Wednesday, February 6th:—  
Marching on Parade Ground.

### 5.—The Battery.

Monday, February 4th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.  
Dress: Drill order, mufti.

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### 6.—Engineer Company.

Monday, February 4th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.  
Dress: Drill order, mufti.

Musketry. The attention of all  
ranks is drawn to this Corps Order  
para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be  
fired by the Engineer Company on  
Sunday, February 3rd.

### 7.—Corps Signals.

Monday, February 4th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.  
Dress: Mufti, belt, bayonet and  
frog.

Musketry. The attention of all  
ranks is drawn to this Corps Order  
para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be  
fired by the Engineer Company on  
Sunday, February 3rd.

### 8.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Tuesday, February 5th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.  
Dress: Mufti, rifle, belt and side-  
arms.

Thursday, February 7th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for Machine Gun Instruction.  
Dress: Overall.

### 9.—Armoured Car Company.

Armoured Car and Motor Cycle  
Sections will parade at Corps Head-  
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,  
February 5th, for practice for  
G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress for above  
parade, drill order, mufti.

(Continued on next Column.)

## BISHOP'S VIEWS ON SUNDAY.

ROUSE CONTROVERSY IN  
NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland, (N.Z.).—Feeling con-  
tinues to run high in the Waikato  
district in consequence of the state-  
ments of the Anglican bishop, Dr.  
Cherrington, that provided Chris-  
tians first attend communion on  
Sundays they should be free to do  
as they liked for the rest of the  
day; that Sunday schools should be  
closed and religious instruction  
given on some other day; and that  
no clergyman should be expected to  
preach more than one sermon a  
day.

At a meeting of parishioners of  
Hamilton, called to decide a pro-  
posal to establish a new parish, it  
was declared that, because of the  
bishop's recent declarations regard-  
ing Sunday observance, many  
parishioners declined to contribute  
to the church funds.

"Everybody knows that the  
bishop is Anglo-Catholic, and that  
we are Protestant," said one speak-  
er. "Not 5 per cent. of the Hamil-  
ton Anglicans will support the  
bishop."

### CAR SECTION.

Fridays, February 1st and 8th.  
Parade at Corps Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. for run around this Island  
in the Armoured Car.

10.—Machine Gun Company.

The whole Company will parade  
at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on  
Tuesday, February 5th, in mufti  
with rifle, belt and sidearms for  
practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection,  
except those detailed by O.C. No.  
1 Platoon for M.G. Part I. at Ken-  
nedy Road Range. Those firing  
M.G. Part I. to proceed by Ford  
Truck under Lieut. A. H. Penn at  
5.15 p.m.

Dress: Overall.

11.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, February 7th, at 5.30  
p.m.

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons will parade  
at Corps Headquarters for Squad  
and Arms Drill. Dress: Mufti,  
rifle, belt and sidearms.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at  
Kowloon for Squad and Arms Drill.  
Dress as for Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Practice Parade on Tuesday,  
February 19th, 1929.

Annual Inspection on Friday,  
February 22nd.

Review Order for Scottish Com-  
pany is spats, diced hose, flashes,  
kilt, sporran, tunic, glengarry,  
rifle, belt and sidearms.

Musketry Part II. The final op-  
portunity for those who have not  
yet fired is Sunday, February 17th,  
at Taikoo. Details later.

12.—Portuguese Company.

Friday, February 8th. The Com-  
pany will be expected to parade as  
strong as possible at Corps Head-  
quarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Dress: Uniform optional, arms,  
rifle, belt and bayonet.

### RECRUITS.

All recruits will parade at Corps  
Headquarters on Monday, February  
4th, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: As for Company parade.

### RIFLE CLUB.

Reference Company Orders of  
Corps Orders of last week para. 12.  
The date should read, February  
5th.

13.—Reserve Company.

Monday, February 4th. Parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspec-  
tion. Dress: Drill order, mufti.

14.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken  
on the strength and posted as  
under:—

No. 1442 Pte. E. G. Dale, M.I.  
Co., from January 25th, 1929.

No. 1443 Pte. J. T. Lacey, No. 2  
Platoon, from January 25th,  
1929.

15.—Promotions.

The following promotions will  
take effect from February 1st, 1929:

RESERVE COMPANY.

No. 441 C.Q.M.S. R. W. Lee-Jones,  
to be C.S.M.

No. 113 Sergt. J. A. Howe, to be  
C.Q.M.S.

No. 1064 Pte. H. West, to be Lee-  
Sergeant.

16.—Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded  
the Colonial Auxiliary Force Long  
Service Medal to the undermen-  
tioned W.O. and N.C.O. on January  
24th, 1929:—

No. 80 C.S.M. M. H. Green,  
Machine Gun Company.

No. 209 Sergt. J. M. Jack, The  
Battery.

### 17.—Leave.

No. 245 C.Q.M.S. E. C. Stewart,  
Machine Gun Co., from February  
1st to November 30th, 1929.

No. 1078 Pte. E. L. Vaa, No. 11  
Platoon, from January 28th to  
March 25th, 1929.

2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine, Car  
Section, having returned to the  
Colony the unexpired period of his  
leave is cancelled.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major,  
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.  
Hong Kong, February 1st, 1929.

### NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold  
their next meeting at the Peak  
Range on Sunday, February 3rd, at  
8 a.m. sharp.

## DIAMOND THEFT IN SINGAPORE.

EUROPEAN'S CONFESSION.

MYSTERY OF \$125,000 LOSS  
CLEARED UP.

The Singapore branch of a firm  
of diamond merchants doing busi-  
ness all over the world is the centre  
of a sensational diamond theft  
story. One of its Europeans, hold-  
ing a general power of attorney,  
is alleged to have confessed to the  
theft of \$125,000 worth of precious  
stones in a letter from Hong Kong,  
thereby clearing up a mystery that  
has engaged the attention of the  
police of Singapore and Colombo  
for over three months.

Employee Disappears In China.

The employee was in the Singa-  
pore firm of Sam Buchenholz and  
Co., in North Bridge Road, and a  
warrant has been issued for his  
arrest, but the latest news of him  
is that he has disappeared from  
Nanking into the interior of China.

On September 12th a parcel of  
diamonds valued at \$125,000 was  
sent by Sam Buchenholz and Co.,  
by registered letter post, to  
Colombo, addressed to the Euro-  
pean at Post Restante, Colombo.

The parcel was taken to the Post  
Office at Singapore by this em-  
ployee and by Mr. E. Buchenholz,  
the employee following it up to  
Colombo a few days later.

At Colombo the parcel was opened  
in the presence of the Customs  
Appraiser, and the sensational dis-  
covery was then made that \$125,000  
of precious stones had been stolen  
and only a small packet valued at  
\$3,000 left.

An examination of the package  
revealed that a hole had been cut  
in the tin case in which the  
various packets of diamonds had  
been placed. A seal which had  
been impressed on sealing wax had  
been very carefully cut round and  
removed, the paper underneath it  
and the tin being similarly cut. A  
piece of cardboard was replaced to  
cover the hole. The seal coming on  
top of this was so carefully work-  
ed at the edges that it was difficult  
except by very careful examination  
to tell that it had been taken off.

### The Post Office Cleared.

The package had been posted at  
Singapore immediately before the  
closing of the homeward mail, and  
there was no time for the theft,  
which was apparently the work of  
an expert, to have been done at  
Singapore. The police, however,  
had an analysis made of the wax  
of the seal that had been tampered  
with, and this showed that in the  
replacing of the seal the same wax  
had been used. That cleared the  
Singapore Postal employees of all  
suspicion.

Investigations were continued,  
both by the Singapore and the  
Colombo police. The European  
employee, in the meantime, having  
reported the loss at Colombo, went  
on to Cairo, on the firm's business.  
He returned to the Far East, pass-  
ing through Singapore on his way  
to Saigon, also on the firm's busi-  
ness, and the affair remained a  
mystery till a few days ago.

Then Mr. E. Buchenholz in  
Singapore received a letter from  
his employee. It was written from  
Hong Kong and in it he is alleged  
to have confessed the theft, explain-  
ing that he substituted a dummy  
package, in which he had placed  
only \$3,000 worth of diamonds, for  
the genuine parcel.

The Hong Kong police were im-  
mediately notified but the self-con-  
fessed thief, expecting such prompt  
action, had left for Nanking, and  
now it is believed that he has dis-  
appeared into the interior of  
China.—Straits Times.

## TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON  
350 METRES.

It is hereby notified that on and  
after to-day the call sign, G.O.W.,  
used by Victoria Peak Wireless  
Station, Hong Kong, will be  
changed to Z.B.W.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Demonstration  
programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather re-  
port.

8 p.m.—Evening programme  
(Victor records).

10.10 p.m.—News bulletin.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.



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## SLAUGHTER HOUSE RAIDED.

DARK DEED IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 31st.  
An odd and sensational attempt at armed robbery occurred in Canton on Tuesday night. The very original point of attack by an armed gang, some half a dozen strong, was the public Slaughter House in Leung Hing Malco. The robbers took advantage of two things—first, that the place is never locked, as no one imagined it would have any interest for robbers, and second, the constant failure of the electric light current.  
About fourteen foks live on the place and for years have enjoyed complete safety despite their "open door" policy. The bandits waited till the lights failed just before 11 p.m. and then quietly entered. The foks were sound asleep, their hours of repose being from 5 p.m. till midnight, at which odd hour they start the day's work. Each in turn was dragged off his bed and while one gunman held a pistol to his ribs the others quickly bound him with steel wire and gagged him with a dirty rag. The whole party was most efficiently trusted and then herded into a small room, one gunman mounting guard.  
The rest of the gang started to ransack the place, and then made their way to the first floor where the manager was sleeping.

### TO THE RESCUE.

But the noise already made, though slight, had aroused the manager who guessed what had happened. He crept stealthily out on the verandah and though afraid to shout or blow his police whistle he hoped to attract the attention of a passerby and summon help. He had locked his door but just as the robbers were hurrying themselves against it one of the abattoir butchers turned up. Finding the door locked he proceeded to beat a tattoo against it with his bamboo pole. At the same time the manager, summoning all his courage, blew a long blast on his whistle.

The gang thought the police had arrived and the hammering was caused by rifle and revolver butts. They fled by the back way in confusion.

Outside a police patrol heard the whistle and dashed to the scene, but just as they had sighted the decamping robbers the lights again failed, and every member of the gang made good his escape. The only thing left behind was one revolver.

The police quickly freed the unfortunate foks who were soon busily engaged upon the night's work.

## CANTON'S SUBURBS TO SUFFER.

ELECTRICITY TO BE CUT OFF.  
A YOUNG LADY'S TRAGEDY!

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, January 31st.  
The Municipality has ordered that from February 2nd, onwards, the electric current to Honan, Fong Tsou, Fati, Sai Tsou, Nam Ngou, Shek Wai Tong, Five Eyed Bridge, Ip Po and Hong Lok, including Lingnan University is to be cut off every evening from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Company has all along complained that its generators are being overloaded, largely because of general electricity stealing throughout the City and that it is not, therefore, responsible for the present lighting failure. The authorities hope that by sacrificing these outlying and less important parts of Canton they will be able to secure a reliable service for the business quarters which present the more tempting propositions for armed gangs.

The Municipality has promised that the supply of electricity will be restored as soon as the Light and Power Company has got its generators in proper working order.  
The Government is also considering a thorough investigation into the economic position of the Company with a view to making it lower its charges. There are very high and are the subject of perpetual complaints on all sides.

Your correspondent witnessed a typical *contretemps* last night. Just after the lights had failed for the tenth time a smartly dressed young lady who had been out shopping stepped off the pavement in the dark, and missing her footing measured her length in a pool of muddy water. She so far forgot herself, as she viewed her ruined brocade to say—

## CHOLERA IN LUICHOW. OFFICIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Owing to irregular climatic conditions brought about by the drought, says the *Canton Gazette*, cholera has been prevailing in the districts of Luichow and Onpo in the Southern region, resulting in many deaths. There is a fear that the disease will spread to other localities. The authorities in Pak-hoi have been taking all precautions possible against the incursion (Continued at foot of next column.)

## FRENCH WOMAN'S DEATH.

TRAGIC SCENE IN A HOTEL.

POLICE MAKING ENQUIRIES.

The guests and management of the St. Francis Hotel were roused from their sleep early yesterday morning, when Mons. Darius Marisly, one of the guests shouted out that his wife was dead.  
Mons. and Mdm. Marisly arrived at the Hotel on December 4th, last year. They booked room No. 308, without board. Since then they had made several trips to Canton and Macao. They were a very quiet couple and neither husband nor wife made many friends in the hotel. Mdm. Marisly who was an attractive looking woman of about 35, was understood to have been connected with Madame Clerget's dress-making establishment.  
Yesterday morning, at about 5.30 a.m., Mrs. B. Thompson, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, who lives in the hotel, was roused by a room boy, who told her that a lady on the floor below was very ill and asked her to give assistance. Coming out of her room, Mrs. Thompson looked over from the balcony and saw Mons. Marisly in a frantic state. He was shouting, in French, at the top of his voice that his wife was dead and at the same time enjoining every one to keep quiet.

Coming down Mrs. Thompson found the couple's room door was ajar. She heard Madame Marisly groaning and on entering the room found her in what appeared to be convulsions. By this time the other guests and the manager, Mr. Hannigan, were on the scene.  
Between them they tried to pacify the husband and at the same time summoned the police, doctor and ambulance. The police arrived as soon as possible, as did Dr. Wang, who could only say that life was extinct. The body of the unfortunate woman was taken to the Mortuary in an ambulance and the police took charge of several bottles, which they found in her room.

The husband when questioned by some of the guests was said to have stated that he woke up at 4 a.m. He heard his wife groan, spoke to her, but got no answer. He felt her hands and found that she was cold. He was frightened and when he switched on the light to look at his wife, he saw that she was dying. Opening the door, he rushed out for assistance.

Enquiries at the French Consulate revealed that they did not know the unfortunate lady. Mons. Marisly has, however, called at the Consulate on two or three occasions in connection with his business. Beyond that the Consulate was unable to give any information.

It was also stated that the couple on taking the room said that they had come from Saigon. The Police are investigating the matter and it is understood that a *post-mortem* examination has been made.  
The funeral of the unfortunate lady will probably take place this afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

## MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN EXPECTED TO-DAY.

A SHORT VISIT TO CANTON CITY.

MEETING WITH HIS BROTHER.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, according to official sources in Canton, is expected in Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s. Morea, which is due here early this morning from Shanghai. The Marshal is accompanied by Mr. Tang Ka Yin, his chief secretary, Mr. Liu Tso Po, a former Commissioner of Civil Affairs for Kwangtung, Mr. Liao Peo Fang, secretary of the Canton Political Council, and Mr. Koo Ying Fung, an official from Nanking. Mr. Koo is officially stated to be visiting Canton to see to the repair of his father's tomb, and, when this has been done he will return to Nanking.

Mrs. Li Tsai Hsin, Dr. Chao Hsin Chu and a special representative of General Chen Ming Shu are expected in Hong Kong to meet him.

It is believed that the Marshal will only pay a short visit to Canton, returning to Nanking in time to attend the Third Kuomintang Conference. He hopes to meet his younger brother, Mr. Li Tsai Wan, who has just returned from Europe where he has been studying political economy and political science. The two brothers will probably pay a visit to the tomb of their mother who died about a year ago and is buried in Kwangsi.

It is expected that Marshal Li will leave for Nanking on February 20th.

of this epidemic into their territory, bringing in medical supplies from Hong Kong, whereas the military surgeons are paying great attention to the question of proper sanitation in the various military barracks.

The local Police Headquarters have been instructed to assist in guarding the public health by causing the observance of cleanliness on the part of the public. A vaccination campaign has also been started, while people coming into the locality from Luichow are subjected to medical examination before being allowed to effect an entry.

## SINKING OF THE HSIN WAH,

PASSENGER SURVIVOR'S BATTLE FOR LIFE.

CREW EAGER TO SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES?

## FURTHER DISCLOSURES AT INQUEST.

A forcible attempt by the crew of the s.s. Hsin Wah to prevent passengers from entering the lifeboat which saved twenty out of the twenty-six survivors of the disaster was alleged by a passenger in his evidence at the resumed inquest proceedings yesterday. Including this witness, who had to fight his way to the boat by slipping down the ropes, four passengers and sixteen members of the crew were rescued by a fishing junk after daylight. The quartermaster and the bosun were questioned regarding their efforts to save their own lives in preference to those of the passengers.

The last witness before the adjournment was the Harbour Master (Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.) who said he first heard of the sinking of the vessel when he reached his office at 9.30 a.m. As the news of the stranding of the vessel had been received at 4.25 a.m., witness considered that he ought to have been advised of the sinking when the news was received by the Boarding Officer at about 5.30 a.m.

At the close of the proceedings it was announced that steps will be taken to call a steward who is still in hospital. This man was rescued from some rocks on an island far away from the scene of the wreck. He got there on a raft, with two companions, but they went mad after they had reached the shore, and plunged again into the sea.

The inquest proceedings were resumed in the forenoon and lasted all afternoon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell was sitting as Coroner, with a jury (Captain A. W. Davison and Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and Wong Kwong Tin). Further evidence of translations of the tape in use on the machines at the Radio Telegraph Office and Waglan was given by Mr. F. A. Kemp, Government telegraph engineer.

Witness stated that there was no record of "repeat" on the Waglan tape between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m., but there were several "repeats" recorded in connection with the 4.42 a.m. message.

After examining the translations, the Coroner suggested that there seemed to have been a refusal on the part of the operator at R.T.O. to take down the message, but witness did not agree. He admitted there had been some delay in taking the 5.30 a.m. message, but thought it could not have been more than five minutes.

### The Quartermaster On Duty.

Sze Po Lum, a quartermaster of the sunken vessel, stated that he was on duty between midnight and 4 a.m. on January 18th. It was his duty to wait for orders in the wheel house below during the last two hours. At 2.25 a.m. the witness said he was asked by the Second Officer (Kuo Ching Hui) to go and read the log. This he did and reported that the reading was then 121.

After the Waglan light was sighted, witness could not say if the Second Officer called the Captain. It was the usual practice for the officer on watch to call the Captain himself.

When the ship struck between 3.30 and 3.40 a.m. witness was in the wheel house, where he could not see ahead, and therefore he did not know whether or not the ship was on a dangerous course. So far as witness was aware there had been no alteration in the course. As soon as the grounding occurred, witness roused the crew and went on the bridge where he assisted in sending distress signals. The Captain and the other quartermaster were there, but he did not see the Second Officer.

Witness noticed that the starboard lifeboat No. 3 had already been partly lowered and he got into it by sliding down the falls. There were twenty people in it. Although the boat was supposed to hold thirty or forty people, witness considered that twenty was a safe number seeing that the sea was high and water had already been shipped.

Instructions were given by the Chief Officer to lower the boats, and he actually saw this being done in the case of his own boat. There was another which could not be swung out because it was overloaded with passengers who would not move. Witness did not assist in swinging the boat out as he was sending distress signals. He did not see any members of the crew pushing the passengers away from the boats. In the case of his own boat he was unable to explain the presence of more members of the crew than passengers.

Questioned as to boat drills, witness said this was not done on the voyage to Taingiao and back to Hong Kong, but drill was carried out on the previous voyage when they were at Canton. It was done with only one boat. All of the crew were old hands, who had served at least two years.

Witness was questioned on a statement that he was asked by the Captain to get into the boat. He said that the Captain ordered him to "lower it, out, nothing this had already been done, he got into it. Witness asserted that the Captain told him in English "quartermaster, you had better get into the boat."

### Evidence of Commodore's Secretary.

Evidence of the receipt of the messages that morning by Leading Seaman Coutts in charge at the Naval Dockyard office having been given, Pay-Lieut.-Comdr. D. H. Pasmore, Secretary to the Commodore, stated that the first message of the grounding was transmitted to him shortly after it was received at 6 o'clock. Witness and the Chief Staff Officer of H.M.S. Tamar then examined the chart. Knowing that the Taifoo tug had gone, they decided to take no action. The second message conveying the sinking reached witness at 8.30 a.m.

Witness continued that the Admiralty tug on duty that morning would have taken two hours to raise steam. "It was a small one, and considering the bad sea it would probably not have been sent out. It would have taken six hours to get a larger tug ready to proceed to Waglan, and considerably longer to get one of the destroyers in harbour ready. There was no arrangement with the Government for rescue in such cases, and no ship is kept in readiness. A destroyer, however, was out that morning and could have been diverted, but it would have taken three hours to get to Waglan. The messages did not indicate the nature of the vessel in distress or whether it carried passengers.

Witness said that the Commodore was advised of the message at 8 a.m. In case the Commodore was not available, the Chief Staff Officer would consult with the Commander of the Dockyard, and he has instructions to despatch assistance. As regards broadcasting of such mishaps, witness said this was not done by H.M. ships but by D'Agulair.

### Obstruction By Panic Stricken Passengers.

The next witness was the bosun, Cheng Ki Sang, who said he had served six years on the vessel. He was roused by the shouts of the quartermaster a few seconds before the ship struck. The grounding occurred while he was running to the boat deck for a lifebuoy. Many passengers were already on the boat deck in a state of great confusion. On the boat and main deck there were 600 lifebuoys, all of which had been served out, and there were also eight rafts.

Witness observed that the No. 1 lifeboat was full of passengers which rendered it impossible to raise it or swing it out. At that moment somebody shouted from the lower deck that No. 3 lifeboat had been lowered, and witness ran there. He had been about half an hour on the boat deck, but neither saw nor heard any of the officers. Witness had also heard that the wheel house on the poop had been carried away. He got into the boat and when daylight came found there were in it sixteen members of the crew including himself and four passengers.

The Coroner remarked that it was a "nice thing" for a bosun of a ship to do—let the passengers die while the crew escaped. Witness replied that there was no help for it. The seas were so high that there was no time to wait for passengers. Witness said that he could not move the passengers from the No. 1 boat which could not be swung out. Others were swarming round it. He did not cut the ropes which held the boat to the davits to enable it to float away when the ship went down.

### Boat's Crew Drive Passengers Away.

Lam Ng, a cargo coolie of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, stated in his evidence that he was one of about 180 passengers in the steerage. As the alarm that the ship had struck a rock was given they all ran to the main deck. A European there gave witness a lifebelt which he put on. On the (Continued on next column.)

## POLICE RESERVES ON PARADE.

A SMART TURN OUT.

COMMENDED BY THE C.S.P.

Yesterday afternoon the Hong Kong Police Reserve were on parade at the compound of the Central Police Station for their annual inspection by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.

There were about 100 men on parade, drawn up in four companies, the Chinese Reservists, the Indian Reservists, the "Sharpshooters," and the "Flying Squad." Mr. D. C. King, the Commissioner of Police Reserves was in command, with Mr. F. E. Mowfung, A.S.P.R., of the Chinese Company; Mr. Sidar Khan, A.S.P.R., of the Indian Company; Mr. E. R. Dovey, A.S.P.R., of the Sharpshooters, and Sub-Inspector B. C. Randle, of the Flying Squad.

The companies carried out a series of exercises with commendable smartness and after being drawn up, each company in two ranks they were inspected by the C.S.P.

Following the inspection, a hollow square was formed, and Mr. Wolfe, in a brief speech, said that he was extremely sorry to have had to call the parade at such short notice but he was leaving for Home shortly and he wished to see the Reservists on parade.

Mr. Wolfe congratulated the Reservists on the extremely good work which they had put in during the year, and in conclusion said that he felt sure that he was voicing the thanks of both the Government and the public, who were very pleased with their services.

boat deck he saw a number of passengers trying to get a boat out on the port side, but they did not know how to do it. When witness ran to the starboard side he saw a boat being lowered by members of the crew. They were pushing the passengers back and keeping them away from the boat. Witness was also pulled away, but fought his way through and shipped down a rope into the boat. An hour later witness and the others in the boat were picked up by a fishing junk. He was suffering from cold and was at once put below in the hold.

In answer to questions witness stated that while he was on the boat deck he saw no Europeans except the man who gave him the lifebelt. This European was afterwards assisting in lowering the boats including the one in which witness got away.

Harbour Master As A Witness.  
Called as a witness, Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, the Harbour Master, said he was not aware at present of the existence of any system for automatic broadcasting of occurrences of this kind.

At 4.25 a.m. he was informed that a ship was ashore off Waglan. This information came over the telephone from Mr. Thompson. He was satisfied with the steps taken when he was told that the two Dock Companies and the Naval authorities had been notified also that a tug was being sent from Taifoo.

It was not until witness reached his office at 9.30 a.m. that he knew of the sinking. He considered that he certainly ought to have been advised about the sinking when the second message was received at the Harbour Office. Seeing the message on the table witness sent for Mr. Thompson and asked whether it had been broadcasted, his great fear at that time being that some ship entering the harbour might run into the wreck. After discussion it was decided that in the circumstances there was no use in broadcasting it at that time.

Speaking about police launches witness said that the No. 4 launch was the largest one at present and she was a good sea boat, but in his opinion there was no police launch sufficiently sea-worthy to stand the full force of a storm. In such cases it would need a sea-going tug like the Henry Kewick. Witness added that for reasons of economy the Kausing is not kept under steam except during typhoons.

### Steward And Cook To Be Called.

This was all the evidence in the afternoon. Inspector Ogg mentioned that the testimony of the other survivors would be more or less the same as that already given. There was a man who worked as a cook on the vessel present in Court and a steward still in hospital who could be brought at the next hearing.

The question of the capabilities of the Second Officer, who was on watch when the ship grounded, was again brought up. Mr. Watson (who is watching the interests of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, owners of the vessel), stated that he had called to the head office in Shanghai for details and had just received a reply, but it did not give more information than that he had already obtained from the representative who is here. He understood that the Second Officer had studied at a navigation school run by his clients, but he would try to get more details of service.

The proceedings will be resumed this morning and continued in the afternoon.

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[7328]

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## THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDRY CO.

Dated the 31st day of January, 1929.  
[7327]

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

## INTERPORT GAME.

HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI—  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11th,  
3.30 p.m.

BOOKING FOR CLUBS will definitely close on the 4th FEBRUARY.  
BOOKING FOR PUBLIC will open on the 6th at the HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB HOUSE, HAY VALLEY, Every Evening from 3.30 to 7 p.m. [7333]

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NGAN SHING KWAN,  
Manager, [7320]  
30th January, 1929.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th DAY of FEBRUARY, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1207	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	2,432	3,348

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1208	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	2,432	3,348

[7318]

## NOTIFICATIONS.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY, to FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929. [7325]

## THE HONG KONG CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, to THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 22nd Jan., 1929. [7323]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1209	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	2,432	3,348

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1210	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	2,432	3,348

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone has increased in intensity. Depressions are indicated to the N.W. of Hokkaido and to the east of the Bonins. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the north China Sea.

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 1st, 1929.

## UNCLE SAM'S PROSPERITY.

In contemplating the affluent circumstances in which his neighbours are living, the impecunious philosopher consoles himself with the reflection that "money isn't everything." John Bull, reading in his paper that Uncle Sam's wealth has increased more than seven-fold during the last fifty years, may smile grimly and say to himself, "Money isn't everything." Some confirmation of this view is to be found on examining American expressions of opinion upon current conditions in that country. "Too much money and too little domesticity," appears to explain the situation as it appears to keen observers who cannot be suspected of anti-American bias since they are citizens of the Great Republic. The North American Review informs its readers that 5,000 families are enjoying an aggregate income of \$8,000,000,000, to \$3,000,000,000, and are now occupying luxurious apartments in fashionable Park Avenue, New York, renting them for \$35,000 a year and spending annually \$420,000,000, or \$84,000 per family. An authoritative estimate of the income of an average American family among income-tax payers is \$5,500. Three million people are enjoying incomes which are taxable. Mr. CARL LINDER, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, states that American millionaires have increased from 7,000 in 1914 to 40,000 in 1925, mainly through stock market speculation. Mr. STROUT points out that fortunes of this nature are lacking in substantial foundation, representing no increase in productive and useful human activities, and are apt to be evanescent. Nevertheless, these figures explain the popularity of Park Avenue, Palm Beach, Southampton and Pasadena.

Now comes a Chicago University Professor reporting that one out of every ten Americans is unmarried. Even among the grown-ups, he states, five out of six marry leaving one who becomes a widow, divorcee, or bachelor. The great New England houses with a room for a dozen children and three maiden aunts are no longer in existence. New York advertisements describe the typical American domicile as consisting of a parlor, a bedroom and a bath, but no room for cooking or even keeping food. No wonder delicatessen stores have increased by 43 per cent. in the last decade, three times as fast as the population has increased. Restaurants have also increased in the same proportion. In the great mass of humble homes, both husband and wife go to work, and home cooking is vanishing.

There is a French saying to the effect that the golden age is that in which gold does not rule. While Uncle Sam is operating a battery of adding-machines to check up the total individual deposits in the banks (200 thousand million dollars gold), the PATRICK WATSON is tramping through the snow and slush on the Welsh hills, talking sympathetically with miners who have been without work for three and four years! At the present time there are nearly one million and a half men and women in the country registered as unemployed, a quarter of a million more than the number of workless people registered twelve months ago. This problem of unemployment will be the main issue of the coming general election in Great Britain. It is not a temporary phenomenon which, while distressing while it lasts, will quickly pass away with a revival of trade. Work must somehow be found for men who have been engaged in industries which, unfortunately, will not need them again. A sound and constructive policy to relieve the terrible distress and misery will have to be found—meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, we are told that while the population of the United States has doubled in fifty years, the number of wage-earners has trebled. No wonder Uncle Sam is prosperous.

Yet there are grounds for anxiety in the United States. The National Bank of Commerce, New York, has called attention to the perils of prosperity and seems to have considerable anxiety about the future. Admittedly, the past year witnessed a steady advance of activity in one line and another; there are few industries which have not enjoyed either a substantial recovery from past difficulties, or an expansion to new levels, in the volume of business done. Since this activity has not outrun actual consuming needs, there is reason to believe that it will be maintained on a high plane well into the present year. The basic price situation is also notably sound. Commodity markets are free of speculative price inflation, and with but minor exceptions they have been freed also of those restrictions and measures of artificial control which carry a constant threat of disaster to the industries involved. Employment has regained a very high level, and the conjunction of good wages and good profits is resulting in a record volume of year-end holiday buying, but in the prospect of a well-stabilized volume of demand in the new year.

This does not mean that business enterprise in the United States during 1929 will enjoy a respite from those problems of distribution and production which are strongly pressing for solution. In the field of trade the inexorable progress of large-scale merchandising, as exemplified in the chain-stores and other great unified organizations, will in 1929 compel with new force the attention of manufacturers, as well as wholesale and retail distributors. So revolutionary change in the distributive mechanism of a nation's goods as is now in full progress in the United States involves painful as well as painstaking readjustments. In manufacture, the great problem is to attain and hold a nice ratio of output to the fluctuating volume of demand. In more and more lines of American enterprise the attempt is being made to secure this adjustment by volitional control of output rather than by the blind forces of competitive struggle. Desirable as such a method is, the long record of past failures must warn against a too-easy hope of its success. Danger comes from business that is too good rather than too poor—from the active demand, rising prices and high profits that tempt an overjudgment of the market, leading to increased output and enlarged capacity that in the end mean its undoing. It is in this fact that the most serious threat to ultimate American prosperity lies. The year may start so well as to cause an over-estimate of its possibilities.

The body of a Chinese, believed to be a victim of the a.s. Hsin Wah disaster, was washed into Aberdeen Harbour yesterday.

## British Politics.

The result of the bye-election at North Midlothian illustrates very clearly the uncertainty of the political situation in Great Britain, to which reference was made in our editorial columns yesterday. At the last election the Conservative and Labour candidates had a straight fight, the former receiving 11,300 votes and the latter 9,173. The appearance of a Liberal in the field undoubtedly attracted a number of votes formerly polled for the Conservative and Labour candidates, while the appearance of yet a fourth aspirant made matters still more complicated. The champion of Home Rule for Scotland only polled 842 votes, and his appearance probably affected the Liberal and Labour poll more than the Conservative. The total votes polled were 2,000 less than at the previous election, and although the Labour vote dropped from over nine to less than eight thousand, the Conservative poll dropped from over eleven to less than seven thousand. The Liberal candidate's appearance took away more than 3,000 votes from the two rival parties, and the Conservative suffering more by this transfer than the Labour man, the latter wins the seat. Here is another example of the incongruity of the British electoral system. A man whose supporters number 7,917 represents a constituency of 29,000 people, 11,000 of whom he actually voted against him! We shall see many similar anomalies when the general election is fought. Attention is called to the omission of a line from our editorial article yesterday. The reference to the Liberal determination to fight every constituency where there appears to be a chance of success should have read:—"Opponents on the Right and Left may regard Liberalism as a political nuisance, but Liberals regard themselves as a political force which, temporarily weakened, will come back into the arena after the next election with the power, as well as the will, to justify its existence." The words italicised were inadvertently dropped out.

## News and Views.

Eight Chinese cases of small-pox were reported on Wednesday, 3 from Victoria and 5 from Kowloon.

A concert organised by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 7th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea tickets must be booked before February 6th.

Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wood and Vice-Admiral Waistell and Mrs. Waistell were among the passengers arriving here yesterday by the a.s. Macedonia from London. A full list of passengers is published in our shipping pages.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Wong Yat Cho, for the alleged conversion of the proceeds of the sale of two diamonds, valued at \$1,030, which were entrusted to him for disposal by the manager of the Kwan On Pawnshop.

A Chinese woman pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a suit case and 17 pieces of clothing from No. 40, Yat Tak Road, Kowloon City, at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. W. Hamilton. She was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., will distribute University Certificates to the successful candidates of the French Convent School, Causeway Bay, on Thursday, February 7th, at 4 p.m. All parents and friends of the pupils are cordially invited.

This evening St. Paul's College is holding its annual Prize Distribution which will be combined with a Farewell function in honour of Mr. Evan Stewart. Owing to the uncertain weather the function takes place in the hall of the new St. Paul's Girls' School. Dr. Tso will distribute the certificates.

The cashier of the Prince Cafe has reported to the Police that two Chinese went to the cafe, and after a meal to the value of \$2, they purchased a box of chocolate, and tendered a note, alleged to have been issued by the Imperial Bank of Canada, for payment. They were given \$27.16 change. When the cashier took the note to a money-changer he was informed that it was a forgery.

"I ran because it was raining," said a young Chinese to Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday when he was charged with snatching a hand-bag and a piece of silk from a Chinese woman. Sgt. Mottram told his Worship that after snatching the articles, defendant ran and was eventually caught by two Portuguese with the stolen goods in his hands. Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

## ARMED GANG STEALS \$40,000.

## DAYLIGHT RAID AT CASTLE ROAD.

## CHINESE LADY'S BOLD FRONT.

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon a gang of five men raided No. 10, Castle Road, in the Cause Road area, where a widow named Wong Leung Sze resides with her daughter-in-law, two grandsons and a grand-daughter. All the family jewels, worth nearly \$40,000, were stolen.

The family occupy all the floors of the house and the men got in easily by the main door on the ground floor which had been left open. One of the amahs in the house went up to the second floor with her mistress to get some indigo to dye some clothes. While the mistress was opening the wardrobe she noticed, reflected in the mirror of the door, two men who had followed the servant from the ground floor. One man was carrying two revolvers and the other a dagger. The mistress turned round, and, showing great presence of mind, began to question the men as to what they thought they were doing. One of them replied, sheepishly that he had "come to borrow \$100."

This explanation was followed by an attack on the women, who were the only inmates of the house at the time. Threatening to shoot them if they offered any resistance, the other three members of the gang rushed in and bound and gagged the two women with strips of material torn from the bed. These three men were also armed with revolvers and daggers. While some kept watch at the verandah the others ransacked the house.

A sum of \$300 in money was taken from the mistress and all her jewellery. Still undaunted she attempted to put the robbers off when they asked for the key of the safe, saying that one of her relatives had got it but a robber saw the key hanging from her girdle and removed it. All the family jewels were in the safe which the robbers then opened.

Among the things stolen were forty-one articles of jewellery including expensive diamond rings worth \$14,538. Various other articles of jewellery and ornaments stolen are valued at \$25,000. In addition the gang took \$350 in money, or a total of roughly \$49,000.

The robbers escaped in the direction of Cause Road without arousing suspicion outside. It is stated that they abandoned two daggers in their flight.

## An Amah Suspected.

An amah who suddenly made up her mind to leave her employment on Wednesday is suspected by the mistress of being in league with the robber gang.

## OBITUARY.

## ADMIRAL SIR LOWTHER GRANT.

## FORMER C.-IN-C. IN CHINA.

## [BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

## Rueux, Jan. 31st.

The death occurred yesterday at the age of 64 of Admiral Sir Lowther Grant, who during the war held active command in the Grand Fleet in China and in North American waters.

Admiral Sir William Lowther Grant, K.C.B., entered the Navy in 1877. He served in the Boer War and was mentioned in despatches, being promoted captain in 1900.

In 1902-4 he acted as naval adviser to the Army Council and from 1908-9 he was Assistant to the Director of Naval Intelligence, when he was created Rear-Admiral.

At the beginning of the War he commanded the 6th and 3rd Cruiser squadrons, and became Commander-in-Chief, China Station, from 1916-17, after which he was Commander-in-Chief on the North American and West Indies Station. He retired in 1920.

## Practical Philanthropy.

This afternoon the Hong Kong Benevolent Society (established over forty years ago) will submit its annual report. Without waiting to see the text of that statement, we know from experience that it will be a record of good work done for and on behalf of those unable to help themselves. These are dark days for many people, and even out here in the Far East we have difficult problems to deal with in connection with men, women, and children who are in grave distress through no fault of their own. The Benevolent Society has very many calls upon its resources during the year, and those who attend the annual meeting, this afternoon will hear in some detail the extent of the Society's activities. The ladies who take upon their shoulders the work and responsibility of administering the funds of the Society have a right to expect a large attendance at the meeting this afternoon. It would be but fitting tribute in appreciation of their services, and everyone who supports and is interested in their work should make a point of attending to-day's proceedings.



**NOT A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.**

JAPAN'S TARIFF AGREEMENT.

PROMOTION FOR YADA?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Jan. 31st.

Beyond reiterating that Nanking under the tariff agreement recognizes the legality of unsecured loans and agrees to pay back 5,000,000 yen as a first instalment in return for Japan's recognition of the interim tariff, official circles are unable to reveal any details of the text of the tariff agreement owing to China's request to withhold publication. The spokesman however vouchsafed the remark, "It is certainly not a diplomatic victory for Japan."

It is intimated that the agreement is restricted to recognition of the interim tariff only, and does not recognize complete autonomy, though it is hoped that a commercial treaty granting recognition will be concluded before the expiry of the year limit.

Dismissing the progress of Mr. Yoshizawa's negotiations, the spokesman said that no one was in a position to say anything official, though he expressed personal optimism that a satisfactory settlement of the Tainan and other outstanding questions would be reached in the near future.

It is reported, apparently reliably, that Mr. Aoi Shigemitsu, formerly secretary of the Peking Legation, will succeed Mr. Yada who will be transferred to a higher post.

First Note Rejected.

NANKING, Jan. 31st.

The Japanese Consul, Mr. Okamoto, called on Dr. C. T. Wang at the Foreign Office this morning and officially notified the Nationalist Government of Japan's acceptance and approval of China's note announcing tariff autonomy and the enforcement of the new tariff schedule on February 1st.

It is now disclosed that the original note sent to Japan was rejected, and a new note with minor revisions was delivered and accepted. The second note expressed the hope that Japan would not interfere with the enforcement of the new tariff.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 30th.

Britain's attitude to China's claims for treaty revision was partly disclosed in the House of Commons today, when, at question time, the Foreign Secretary was asked whether the Government proposed to open negotiations for the revision of existing treaties with China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government was now giving consideration to the whole subject.

Tariff Accepted.

Reuter has been authoritatively informed that whilst formal ratification of the Sino-British tariff treaty may not be completed by February 1st, His Majesty's Government have informed the Chinese Government that they accept the introduction of the new tariff as from that date.

THE NEW SCHEDULE.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

The Shanghai Customs House has announced that the existing Customs schedule will be abolished on the afternoon of the 31st inst., while the new schedule will become effective on February 1st. All imported Japanese goods will be subject to the new schedule.

HANKOW SETTLEMENT.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

The Nanking Foreign Ministry has instructed the Foreign Commissioner of Hankow that the Hankow incident must be settled locally with the Japanese consular authorities.

It is reported from Hankow that negotiations for the purpose will open shortly.

Pickets Maintained.

The Hankow situation remains quiet. Picketing on the boundaries of the Japanese Concession is still being carried on, but without incident. It is now hoped that with the establishment of amicable relations at Nanking local questions will be satisfactorily settled before long.

LITTLE CHANGE.

Naval wireless messages state that there is little change in the situation as regards the Japanese at Hankow. All is quiet in the Concessions, ships are being loaded and unloaded, and apart from the boycott, there is little change from conditions which have been prevailing during the past twelve months.

It is reported from Chungking that General Mo Yang is now back at Nanking and that the Lushan forces are being driven back to Chungking by General Yang Sen and his associated generals.

**CHANG TSO LIN'S DEATH.**

WAS JAPAN RESPONSIBLE?

A STORMY DEBATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Jan. 31st.

The unsuccessful attempt to force the Government to publish the results of the investigations into Chang Tso Lin's death reached a climax this afternoon in the warm debate hitherto raised by this subject in the Lower House.

The Minister revolution demanding that the Government reveal all available information was voted down by 220 votes to 193, the Seiyukai showing an united front against the motion.

Gross Negligence.

The resolution followed a speech charging the Government with gross negligence in the failure to investigate the matter fully while the evidence was fresh, and also declared that the Government in view of its proclamation on May 18th, promising the maintenance of peace and order in Manchuria, must be responsible for Chang Tso Lin's death.

Mr. Kamei, the Proletarian, alleged that the Government received a Mukden report implicating Japanese in the bombing, but Baron Tanaka denied this. Mr. Kamei then asked if it would be disadvantageous to Japan to publish the report drawn up by Count Uchida, the Consul at Mukden, to which Mr. Mori, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that it would be disadvantageous in view of the existing circumstances.

The substance of Baron Tanaka's replies to all charges was that the authorities are still investigating, and publication would still be premature.

NEW CUSTOMS POST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

A Dutchman, A. J. Conmij, who has been in the Customs service since 1897, has been appointed to the new post of financial secretary of the Inspectorate-General of Maritime Customs with the rank of Commissioner.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

Arrangements are being made by the Nanking State Council for holding the 3rd Kuomintang Delegate Conference. A provisional secretariat has been formed. It has been also decided to hold a special meeting to draw up regulations governing the calling and procedure of the conference.

TRAFFIC DELAYS.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

A series of irregularities in connection with passenger traffic on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways is alleged, according to a statement from the Railway Department, to be due to the incompetence of a foreign officer in charge of the coal under the despatch.

The Railway Department has ordered the dismissal of this officer, and his place will be given to a Chinese.

LI LIEH CHUN SAFE.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

According to official information from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, Ningwu is now quite peaceful and the Communists have been driven out. General Li Lieh Chun is safe.

PEI'S RESIGNATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 31st.

Pei Chung Hsi has wired to Chiang Kai Shek and Li Tsung Jen, again tendering his resignation and requesting a prolonged rest in Kwangsi to recuperate his health.

SUN YAT SEN'S FUNERAL.

PARTICIPATION OF THE LEGATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 31st.

It is believed that all the Legations will participate in Sun Yat Sen's funeral ceremonies. Most of the Ministers will probably go in person to Nanking, accompanied by other members of the Legations, while the Legation flag will be flown at half-mast.

Sun Fo is expected here about February 20th for the opening ceremony of removing the remains from the Western Hills to the train.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

Mrs. Sun Yat Sen arrived at Peking on the 29th inst. She has telegraphed to a high official of the Nanking Government stating that when Dr. Sun Yat Sen's remains are conveyed to Nanking she will follow.

**PLANS TO SINK U.S. NAVY.**

BLOOD AND THUNDER IN THE SENATE.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN EUROPE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31st.

"The war colleges of every nation possess carefully drawn plans to sink the United States Navy and invade our country."

These words were thundered by Senator Reed to a thrilled and packed House on the eve of the Senate's vote on the battle between President Coolidge and the "Big Navy Fans."

Regarding the provision contained in the Navy Bill that the construction of fifteen cruisers be started within two years, President Coolidge wants the time limit eliminated.

Senator Reed denounced "the whimpering and wallowing of the internationalists" and alleged that warlike preparations were being made in Europe and Japan.

TWO CHURCHES JOIN FORCES.

PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODISTISTS COMBINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31st.

Delegates of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches, with an aggregate membership of six millions, have reached an agreement to join forces and have appointed committees to arrange the procedure. Afterwards the plan will require the ratification of both churches.

MERGER OF TEXTILE FIRMS.

GIGANTIC OUTPUT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 31st.

The Commercial Investment Trust has acquired the firm of textile factors, Frederick Victor and Achelis Incorporated, which will be merged with the Peierls Buhler Company to handle jointly the output of 150 mills, with annual sales of \$100,000,000.

PREVENTION OF DRUG TRAFFIC.

DUTCH FIRM'S DEFENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 30th.

At the instance of Sir Malcolm Delevingne, the British representative, the Opium Commission has adopted a proposal that all firms proved to have been exporting large quantities of drugs, and whose names have figured in the several confiscation cases reported to the League, shall be pilloried and mentioned in the Commission's report to the Council of the League of Nations.

A message from Amsterdam in this connection states that the directors of the Nearden factory, which was mentioned at the League meeting a few days ago as involved in a most serious case of contraband drug operations, have issued a statement to the Press indicating their defence.

The directors of the firm include six of the most prominent and most reputable business men in the Netherlands, and they declare that they have not infringed the Dutch law as the authorities have not prohibited export to China.

The Minister of Commerce of the Dutch Government has now issued special regulations for the export of narcotics.

It was reported at the League meeting that 3,500 lbs of heroin was exported to Holland from Switzerland, and re-exported in the course of a year.

FIRM TREATMENT FOR MUTINEERS.

SPANISH REVOLT QUELLED.

FORMER PREMIER ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Jan. 30th.

The former Premier, Senor Sanchez Guerra, has been arrested at Torres de Cuarte in Valencia, and is now detained in a military prison there. It is believed that the arrest follows the discovery of the plot which proved abortive on Monday night, and he may be accused of conspiring against the Government.

He was frequently mentioned at the time of the discovery of the September plot to overthrow the Dictator, General Primo de Rivera, whose opponents regard Sanchez Guerra as the Dictator's successor.

Further details are available showing the means taken to quell the outbreak at Ciudad Real. Leaflets were dropped on the town from an aeroplane, bearing the message: "The whole of Spain is quiet. Surrender immediately and return to barracks. Otherwise you will be bombarded to-morrow."

Half an hour later, the rebel troops withdrew their guns and returned to their barracks.

The civil authorities returned to their posts and normal life has been resumed.

**A LINK WITH THE CONTINENT.**

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.

FURTHER PLANS REVEALED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th.

The very real interest that is being taken in the Channel Tunnel project was illustrated to-day when a meeting called by the Parliamentary Committee dealing with the matter was attended by over a hundred Members of Parliament.

Sir William Bull was in the chair, and Baron D'Erlanger, the senior partner of the famous engineering firm, Erlangers, was specially invited to be present.

Baron D'Erlanger estimated the cost of the tunnel at £30,000,000, which would be paid in instalments of £2,000,000 a year—10 per cent. of the cost of the tunnel, which would be built first and would take two and a half years, and then the cost of complete twin tunnels from coast to coast.

These would be twenty feet in diameter and would take four years.

Sir William Bull said that the construction of the tunnel would be jointly undertaken by two companies, one British and one French, while there would be a third holding company with the League of Nations.

An executive committee was appointed to examine all objections to the scheme.

10 Per Cent. Per Annum.

Baron D'Erlanger said that if it were estimated that annually 4,000,000 passengers were carried through the tunnel, paying the tariff now charged for the Channel crossing, a gross income of £3,000,000 would result. It ought to be possible to run the tunnel on an annual expenditure of £1,000,000 and there would be at least £2,000,000 paid annually in freight receipts. Thus there would be a net income of £1,000,000 a year—10 per cent. return on the capital of £30,000,000.

THE KING.

NO CHANGE TO REPORT.

No bulletin regarding the King was issued to-day, but it was officially stated this morning that there was no change to report in His Majesty's condition. The Queen is expected to visit Craigwell House, Bognor, this afternoon to supervise the arrangements which are being made in preparation for the King's visit.

Almost Out Of Danger.

Wednesday's bulletin is regarded as one of the most definitely favourable bulletins yet issued, and it is generally considered that His Majesty is almost out of danger. It is understood that the date for the issue of the next bulletin has not yet been decided, but from now on bulletins will be issued only at considerable intervals, probably only about once a week.

DOMINIONS' VIEWS EXAMINED.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

ONE REPLY LACKING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, was asked whether all the replies were now to hand from the several Dominion Governments on the subject of the American draft of a new Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

Sir Austen replied that the Government had not received the answer of one of the Dominion Governments to the enquiries addressed to all of them last March, and the considered reply of two other Dominion Governments was only received during the last few weeks.

In this connection, it should be remembered that the attention of all our Governments was for a considerable part of last year concentrated on the negotiations for the Renunciation of War, which it was necessary to bring to a successful conclusion before taking up more closely the Arbitration Treaty.

The British Government were now engaged in a careful examination and comparison of the observations of the Dominion Governments, as well as of the material which they themselves had collected. They attached the highest importance to obtaining a complete agreement among all His Majesty's Governments, and further exchanges of opinion would be necessary before they could send a definite reply to America.

He might add that this Treaty was of great importance, as it would presumably form a model for many others.

**HARDSHIPS OF THE MINERS.**

GHASTLY CONDITIONS.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

As Patron of the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales continued his tour of the distressed coalfield districts in the North of England to-day, visiting the mining villages of Northumberland. He was visibly distressed by some of the signs of poverty that he saw.

Seldom did the people realise that their visitor was the Prince until he told them so. Sometimes he waited until a complete list of necessities had been made out before moving on.

He emerged from one cottage remarking that he was sadly astonished that human beings should live in such squalor, and wherever he went he took note of the occupants' principal needs.

The Prince, on entering one of the cottages, remarked:—"This is positively ghastly."

To this, the cottager replied:—"It is better than nothing. We at least have a roof over our heads, although we could do with some bed-clothes, of which we have none."

Terrible Conditions.

The Prince took away the time-sheets of the Cramlington pits, showing that many of the men's wages averaged only seven shillings weekly.

He conversed with a man who was blinded in a colliery accident three years ago and who has now received notice of his ejection from his cottage. The man said he did not know where he was going, and added:—"I am almost past caring."

A bright spot in the situation is the Wallend Training Centre, where 40 young miners are undergoing artisan training under the labour transference scheme.

The Prince abandoned his intention of lunching at Morpeth and went instead to Ashington, where he lunched off sandwiches in a colliery.

Searching Inspection.

January 31st.

The Prince of Wales finished ten hours of the most strenuous inspection of conditions in distressed Northumberland mining villages yesterday with a game of squash rackets at Newcastle yesterday evening. He started the third day of his tour this morning looking fit and well despite his exacting investigations, in which there has been nothing superficial.

The Prince has delved beneath the surface and has deliberately unmasked any attempt to hide poverty from him, entering the cottages, talking to the wives and examining the coats and clothes of the children. At the pits he has demanded to see the paymasters and has closely questioned colliery officials to ascertain why some of the wages, in his words, were "so incredibly small."

He is visiting to-day the Bishop Auckland area where distress is very acute.

LABOUR COMMITTEE ON TRADE.

FINAL REPORT COMPLETED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 31st.

The final report of the committee appointed by the Labour Government in 1924 to undertake an exhaustive survey of trade and industry in Britain has now been completed and will be published next month. The committee, which was presided over by Sir Arthur Balfour of Sheffield, has already issued a number of interim reports dealing with various sections of the country's industries, but a number of recommendations have been reserved until the final report. As the report, which is now in the hands of the Government, embodies conclusions reached after prolonged inquiries, its publication will be awaited with great interest.

The committee were at the outset informed of a number of trades on which investigation was especially desired. The first point sought was the present position of British Overseas trade and the prospect of British participation in the markets of the world, so as to ensure sufficient and continuous employment and a satisfactory standard of living for the people of the country. Another subject was the growing competition of foreign nations and to adapt itself to changes in the nature of the overseas demand.

**THE POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN.**

BRITISH FRONTIER GARRISONS.

TRIBES STAND FAST.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

Some of the alarm created by the reports that two of the giant troop-carrying planes engaged in the evacuation of Europeans from Afghanistan had met with disaster, has been dispelled by an authoritative statement to the effect that only one of the Victoria troop-carrying machines which started from Peshawar for Kabul yesterday is missing.

Reconnaissance machines have failed to trace the machine or its occupants, and it will be difficult to find if it crashed as it appears to have been forced down in mountainous country.

A Hindustani machine which started with the troop-carrier landed safely at the aerodrome at Kabul, but has been held up owing to lack of sparking plugs.

Foreign Office Opened.

It is learned that the Foreign Office at Kabul has been reopened and that the Amir Habibullah is maintaining friendly relations with all Legations.

All foreigners are courteously and impartially treated by Afghan officials.

India is placed in a most difficult position as the authorities are receiving contradictory instructions with regard to the supply of lorries and the sending of remittances, etc. from three conflicting Governments at Kabul, Kandahar and Jalalabad.

Frontier Garrisons.

New Delhi.

Sir Denys Bray in a statement to the Assembly regarding the situation in Afghanistan declared that not a single soldier or gun had been moved to the frontier: the daily life of the frontier garrisons remained undisturbed. All the tribes remained steady though individual tribesmen were unable to resist the strong natural impulse to enter the turmoil on one side or another. The tribesmen's support, however, was being canvassed by adherents of the three governments at Kandahar, Kabul and Jalalabad, and the efforts of the British frontier officers were taxed to prevent headstrong tribal action and compel observance of the Government policy of scrupulous non-interference.

British Attitude.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Labour leader, asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day for a statement regarding the attitude of the British Government towards the disturbances in Afghanistan.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "The Government has no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan by supporting or assisting any of the parties at present contending for power in that country."

"The British Government earnestly desire the establishment of a strong central government and will be prepared when that government is established to show their friendship for the Afghan people by giving such assistance as they can in the reconstruction and the development of the country."

"King Amanullah has formally announced his abdication to the British Government, and, in consequence, until it is clear that despite his abdication he is regarded as their King by the people of Afghanistan generally, the British Government will be unable to regard his government as the rightful Afghan Government."

British Respected.

Asked what had been the attitude of the Afghan factions towards the British Mission or Consulates, Sir Austen said that the various parties had all respected the sanctity of the British Legation at Kabul, although considerable material damage was done to the buildings in December when the Legation lay in the line of fire between the forces of King Amanullah and Habibullah Khan.

Similarly, the position of the British Consul at Jalalabad appeared to have been respected by all parties although there had been a report, not confirmed, that the Consulate had suffered damage in the course of the disturbances. No disturbances had taken place in the area of the British Consulate at Kandahar.

German Nationals.

Replying to a question regarding the release of German nationals from Kabul by British aircraft, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had received from the German Ambassador an expression of his warm thanks for the services rendered and the German Government had similarly expressed their thanks to the British Ambassador in Berlin in the following communication: "They would take the opportunity of expressing to His Majesty's Government their sincere thanks for the assistance rendered by them and by the Indian Government, in rescuing German women and children from Kabul in most difficult circumstances. The German Government requests that their thanks may also be conveyed to the Government of India."

**Telegram in Brief.**

Major Segrave sailed from Southampton to-day for America, where he will make attempts upon the land and sea speed records.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that no special instructions had been issued to the British representative in Belgrade regarding relations with the new regime in Yugoslavia.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary said that instructions are being sent to the British Ambassador in Lisbon to request the Portuguese Government to order a revision of the case of Mr. Brewer, second officer of the steamer Clan Lamont. After arrest on a charge of the theft of 21, Mr. Brewer was imprisoned for nine months while awaiting trial in Portuguese West Africa, and was then condemned to 300 days' imprisonment and £18 fine, or another 90 days' imprisonment.

Wireless telephone communication between Holland and Buenos Aires is being opened to the public on February 4th.

At the price of one Mark, Professor Einstein has published a new work on which he has been engaged for at least ten years, continuing his research in spite of long periods of illness. The new work consists of a six page pamphlet entitled "Zur Einheitslichen Feldtheorie" and it is believed to embody a new comprehensive cosmic philosophy. Its terminology and abundant mathematical formulae are incomprehensible to the ordinary layman, and it is described by an eminent scientist as a "very hard nut to crack." It requires careful study by the most expert of mathematicians to be understood.

IRAQ'S NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER.

VISIT TO ANGORA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 31st.

Sir Gilbert Clayton, who is to succeed Sir Henry Dobbs as High Commissioner for Iraq, left London yesterday for Baghdad. On his way he will visit Constantinople and Angora to meet Ghalib Pasha and members of the Turkish Cabinet, afterwards proceeding to Syria where he will meet the French High Commissioner and the authorities in Damascus and Beirut. He will also confer with Sir John Chancellor, the British High Commissioner in Jerusalem and will later meet the Emir Abdullah Amman. The journey from Amman to Baghdad will be made by air.

HIGH COUNCIL'S MISTAKE.

HEARING FOR GENERAL BOOTH.

DECISION BY MR. JUSTICE EVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th.



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CREPE DE CHINE and SATIN,  
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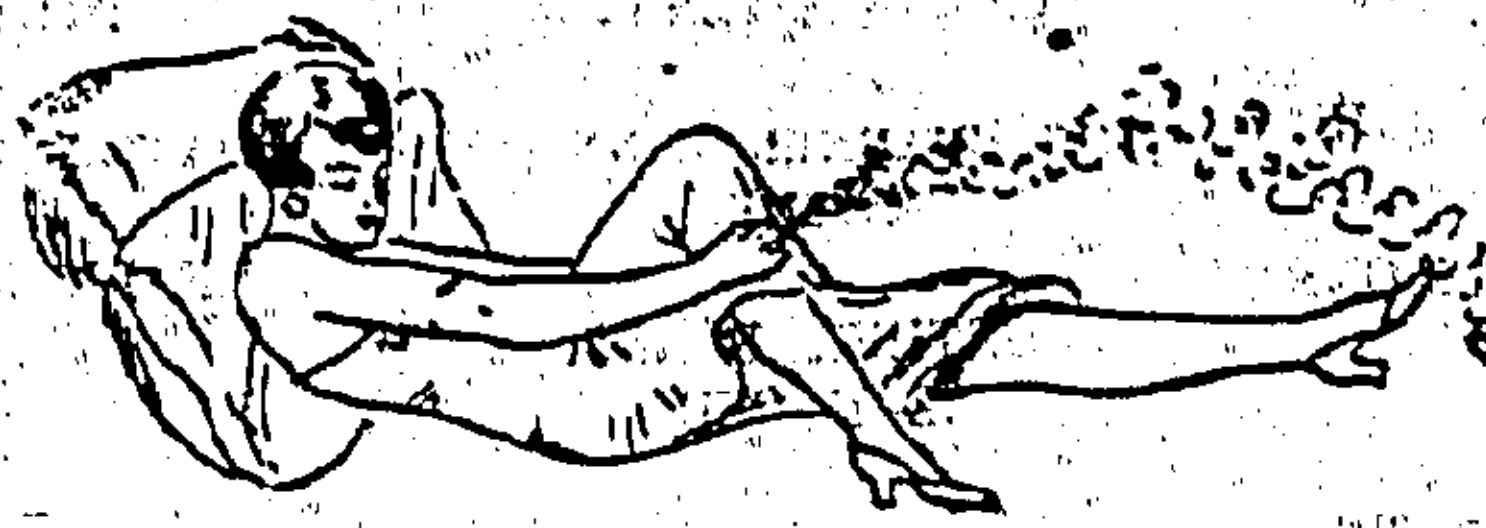
## NEWEST FABRICS

For Day or Evening Wear

### SEWING

IN OUR WINDOWS  
TO-DAY

LADIES'  
LANE, CRAWFORD'S SALON



THE VOGUE FOR BLACK AND WHITE.

THE WOMAN IN THE THIRTIES.

SOME MAGPIE FROCKS FROM PAMELA.

The early spring has brought a  
decided vogue for black and white.  
There is, perhaps, nothing more  
universally becoming than a magpie  
ensemble be it for afternoon, even-  
ing, for the morning promenade to  
which French women pay so much  
attention.

Black is, of course, well under-  
stood to be a good standby and  
charming on young and old alike,  
but the not-quite-so-young woman  
is better served by an ensemble  
which introduces white. The reason  
is obvious. Both the very young  
and the old have a decided charm  
of their own, and just as the fresh  
bloom of a young complexion,  
especially if it be accompanied by  
golden or titian hair, is made still  
more delicate by the contrast of  
black, so is the softness of white  
hair and a face crossed by the fine  
lines of years and experience. But  
in between these ages comes the  
period when complexions have to  
be served by art, when hair no  
longer golden is not yet white, and  
the lines which will in time give  
character, are merely distressing  
signals of yet another year added  
to the sum of birthdays.

Unrelieved black on the not quite  
so young woman serves to emphasise  
just what she would seek to hide,  
but when combined with white it  
gives her distinction and emphasises  
the particular charm of a woman  
who has learnt the meaning of life  
and knows how to face existence  
with dignity and confidence.

"The dangerous thirties" is no  
empty phrase, for it is between the  
ages of thirty-five and fifty that

most women, if they are blessed with  
intelligence as well as reasonably  
good looks, are at their most charm-  
ing.

Black and white is, of course,  
always in vogue, but it has de-  
finitely been adopted as the chic  
colour scheme for the early spring  
of 1929, and Pamela has just re-  
ceived some very smart and attrac-  
tive magpie dresses for afternoon  
and evening wear.

For example, an afternoon dress  
in heavy black silk marocaine re-  
lieved with white satin. The black  
is used for a coat dress, opening  
over a white satin slip. The coat  
is belted in at the waist forming  
a deep V from the shoulders and  
falling apart below the waist again  
to show the under slip of white  
satin. The skirt of the overdress,  
or coat, is beautifully cut in one  
piece with circular gores on either  
front, and dips at the sides. This  
side dip is more generally becoming  
and newer than the back dip which,  
except for evening wear with the  
"peacock" line, has almost gone  
out. The sleeves are finished with  
deep gauntlet cuffs edged with  
white, and the long surplice ends  
of the collar, which fall nearly to  
the knees, are also banded with  
white. The bodice is cut with a  
deep yoke. An interesting note is  
the finishing of the white slip which  
is cut to a V at the bottom and  
bordered with black to get a straight  
hem line. The skirt of the slip thus  
repeats the line exposed by the coat  
above the belt.

The importance of the V line is  
emphasised again in an evening  
gown of black and white satin

which is designed on asymmetrical  
lines. The bodice is half black and  
half white, the latter, however, ap-  
pearing more as an underslip since  
the black half is joined above it on  
the hip. The skirt, of a truly in-  
spired cut, again hints at the V line  
and falls in a point at either side.

Another evening gown is made of  
black satin, the white being intro-  
duced as a lining to the skirt and  
the large bow with sash ends on  
the left hip. The skirt is similar  
in cut to that last described. Em-  
brodery in silver and diamond  
beads on the right shoulder and  
hip, completes a gown which would  
be very smart indeed on a woman  
of some years and distinction.

One more afternoon frock. This  
is of black and white silk maro-  
caine, and also on coat frock lines,  
although made in one piece. The  
chief interest is in the clever ar-  
rangement at the hips, where ap-  
plied flat tucks are arranged in a  
most attractive sunburst effect in  
front, leading up to a paste buckle.

Coming apparently from under  
the "sunburst" is a full circular  
panel in the front of the skirt. It  
is, however, cut in one with the  
rest of the skirt. White is introduced  
by means of a neat little collar and  
jacket of finely pleated georgette.

There are, too, some exceedingly  
smart afternoon ensembles in the  
new stone beige and black, another  
colour combination, which is going  
to be very good this Spring, but  
I have not space to describe them  
this week. A number of very at-  
tractive frocks of printed silk  
foulard for the races have also ar-  
rived.

### SILVER, GREEN, AND SUNSET PINK.

THREE EVENING GOWNS AND SOME JUMPER SUITS.

A VISIT AU PETIT LOUVRE.

I often wonder what is the  
peculiar fascination of exquisite  
clothes. Everyone, man and woman,  
old and young, foolish and wise,  
feels it; and, though perhaps we  
may envy her somewhat, everyone  
likes to see a really well dressed  
woman. Even in the Bible the  
"raiment of needle work" of the  
King's daughter is spoken of as  
being one of the glories of the  
realm.

Another curious fact is that no  
one is much more genuinely enthu-  
siastic about clothes than those whose  
business it is to sell them, even if  
they themselves cannot afford to  
wear the model gowns which they  
show to others. They say that people  
who work in sweet shops or fac-  
tories very soon loose all taste for  
candy, but the same certainly can-  
not be said of vendeuses or manne-  
quins in a dress establishment.

The explanation is, I believe, that  
clothes to-day are so beautiful and  
varied in cut and texture, that each  
new-comer is hailed with as much  
joy as the ardent flower grower  
feels at the opening of a new  
blossom. Certainly I who see very  
many of them never fail to avail  
eagerly each new shipment, which  
brings me to my subject, the three  
new evening gowns which saw this  
week Au Petit Louvre.

One is almost a bride dress, an  
exquisite gown for the debutante  
or young girl made of white net  
and silk lace threaded with silver.

It is cut with a tight fitting "June"  
bodice and a very full long skirt,  
longest of course at the sides.  
The lace in panels of about 4  
inches wide, is inset round bodice  
and skirt in wide scallopes, those  
on the bodice curving up just in  
front and at the back of the  
shoulders and three of the skirt  
following the same line. A falling  
spray of pink flowers is set just in  
front of the left shoulder.

More sophisticated is an ex-  
quisite gown of apple green geor-  
gette with a hip girle and big  
butterfly worked in tiny silver and  
diamond beads. The skirt is very  
full, long, and falls in points.

The third frock is a robe de style  
of true sunset pink, short tailed  
on the very full skirt are applied  
flowers and leaves, also of tulle,  
in beige and green, stitched on with  
gold thread and a little embroidery.  
The bustle bow appears on the left  
hip.

I was also shown some charming  
and original silk jumper suits for  
the races, or afternoon wear. A  
description of two of them will, I  
think, suffice. Both have knife  
pleated skirts. One is dark jade  
green. The sleeveless jumper, of  
georgette, is embroidered in large  
diamonds alternately darned with  
green silk and embroidered with  
black and gold spots. The other  
suit has a red pleated skirt with  
a white jumper which is embroi-  
dered round the bottom with red  
and gold flowers.

### BEAUTY CULTURE.

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN  
THE CARE OF THE SKIN.

There is no more important  
factor in beauty culture than the  
cleanness of the skin. How that  
is best obtained is a matter of  
divided opinion and depends to a  
large extent on each individual  
complexion. Some skins are too  
tender to be washed frequently with  
soap and water although such treat-  
ment is certainly beneficial in the  
majority of cases.

But washing with water or cream  
alone is not sufficient, under the  
conditions of modern life especially  
in towns. That lovely freshness of  
a child's complexion becomes in-  
evitably clouded in a smoky  
atmosphere as the years go by, and  
the irritations of heat, cold, wind  
and dust work further havoc.

Every woman's skin needs peri-  
odic "spring cleaning," however,  
great the daily care she gives it.  
And this "spring cleaning" is best  
done by an expert in a beauty par-

lour. It stands to reason that you  
cannot either steam or massage your  
own face as some one else can do  
it for you, and it must not be  
forgotten that face massage is a  
skilled profession and not to be  
lightly undertaken by the amateur,  
lest more harm than good be done.

And face massage as a beauty  
treatment goes deeper than the  
skin. It is so wonderfully sooth-  
ing to tired nerves that all the little  
wrinkles caused by worry and the  
constant irritation of modern life,  
are smoothed away under the mas-  
sage hands. They may return, they  
almost inevitably will, but a regu-  
lar massage will prevent them from  
ever becoming deep and un-  
movable. A clever masseuse can do  
as much for your general feeling of  
well being as a bottle of medicine.

Every woman who studies her  
looks takes care of her skin and does  
a certain amount of cleansing and  
massage night and day, but this  
home treatment should be supple-  
mental to a regular cleansing and  
toning up given by the professional.  
Your next treatment at the  
Darelle Beauty Shoppe and if you  
have never yet had a face massage  
the result will be revelation to you.



Pink Pique Fashions a Sleeve-  
less Tennis Frock. The Neck-  
line Piped in White is Interest-  
ing, as are the Short Cap  
Sleeves.

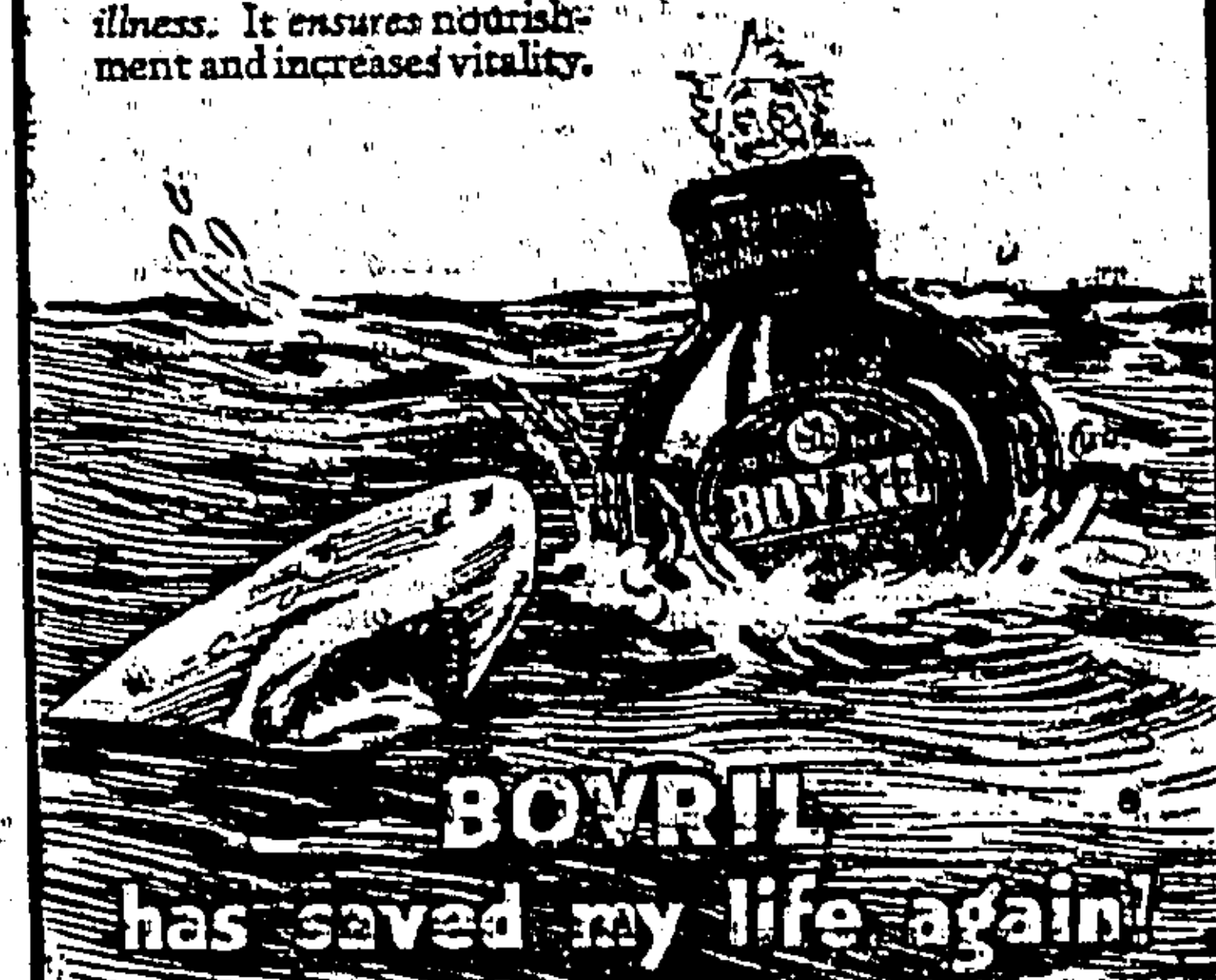
### YOUR HOME AND MINE.

A GOOD HAMMER!

Ham is not made as much use  
of as it should be in cookery. Try  
this: Melt half a tablespoonful of  
butter in a shallow pan, then fry  
therein a small shallot chopped  
quite finely until it is a delicate  
brown. Stir in half an ounce of  
flour and let slowly cook, stirring  
all the while. When this, too, is  
a delicate brown, add a break-  
fastcupful of milk, bring the lot to the  
boil, and simmer for a quarter of an  
hour. Then add a teaspoonful of  
made mustard, the same quantity  
of Worcestershire sauce, and a  
breakfastcupful of fine minced lean  
of cold ham; York ham for choice.  
Cook and stir for five minutes more.  
Four the mixture into a brown or  
green shallow fireproof dish. Over  
the top sprinkle a half-inch layer of  
fine baked breadcrumbs, and then a  
thin coat of melted butter, and a  
few shavings of butter. Bake  
till well browned atop in a quick  
oven.

## The WOMAN'S PAGE

Bovril is a most valuable  
aid in the prevention of  
illness. It ensures nutri-  
ment and increases vitality.



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has saved my life again!

### Au Petit Louvre

Just Received :-

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HOTEL.

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BIG REDUCTIONS

Three Piece Woollen Suits,  
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REAL BARGAINS  
ALL NEW STOCK

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## SALE TIME.

SOME USEFUL THINGS AND  
SOME EXCELLENT  
BARGAINS.

I found several useful things at the haberdashery counter of Whiteaway, Laidlaw's this week. Very pretty floral ribbon in pink, mauve, and blue, with differently coloured flowers is one of the latest ideas for shoulder straps, and would certainly be quite the prettiest thing under a floral voile or chiffon dress.

Hook and eye tape by the yard will delight the girl who likes to make her own corselettes and brassiers.

## Setting Combs.

Most welcome too are pairs of setting combs by means of which any one can keep their hair in becoming waves. The hair should be slightly damp and a pair of the combs locked in each wave every night. If you have had a marcel wave at a hairdresser's you can preserve it in perfect condition for a very long time by using these combs every night. They cost 75 cents a pair.

Up stairs in the department given over to household furnishing I saw very thankfully into a "stock" armchair which I found displayed, while I waited for the rush of customers to subside. It was one of a suite of two chairs and a settee upholstered in pink, mauve, and it was the sort of chair I could happily sit in all day.

## There Are Chairs—And Chairs.

The character of armchairs differs as much as that of people. There are those very low deep ones in which most of us—I for one—am only comfortable when quite alone. For it is next to impossible to sit gracefully in them and the less said about their effect on short skirts the better! Then there is the chair, like the sugar cake, that looks too tempting before you try it, but has all sorts of awkwardnesses which make it very uneasy to sit in. There is the dear old chair with a broken spring, but you have to be an old acquaintance to know how to adapt yourself to it. Strange as only find the knobs. But the supreme armchair is quite unpretentious to look at, and wonderfully adaptable. You can sit in it to read, do needle work, or to chat with your friends, in perfect comfort of body and mind.

That is the sort of chair I found in Whiteaway's, and while I was sitting there I noticed a number of other things.

(Continued on next Column).

"THAT PRECIOUS  
ELEMENT."CHIC WET-WEATHER  
GARMENTS.

Water was referred to lately at a meeting of the powers that be of the Colony as "that precious element" but we are inclined to give it another and less flattering adjective when it pours down from heaven on our smartest and best.

The best thing, of course, is to have a really smart macintosh and you will then welcome the rain with true patriotic (or should it be colonial?) fervour.

Lano, Crawford's is always a happy hunting ground for "macs," because they stock those really ingenious and decorative "Milwater" garments, of which no two seem to be alike except in a common smartness. Velvet, satin, silk alpaca, jap silk and crepe de chine, are all rubberised, and utilised to make garments, which except for their weather proof qualities, it would be hard to tell from a smart wrap coat.

One coat I saw yesterday was in true moss green rubberised velvet cut quite plainly. Another of thick silk in cinnamon colour has smart collar and cuffs of tulle de negre. Silk alpaca is very smart in pale blue with beige collar and cuffs. Another silk alpaca is of the new pearl grey with a plaid design in a deeper tone.

Very amusing is a navy blue rubberised velvet which is printed in a design of tiny white lines which look, especially when the garment is wet, like raindrops.

Silk umbrellas can be found to match nearly all these macintoshes in the same shop.

## Folding Prams.

Just in front of me were some children's push carts or folders, the sort of last pram which is so useful when a child has really outgrown a baby carriage, but is inclined to demand a lift on a walk. They are particularly useful here in this land of hills, or flats, or both, as they can be stowed away in a small space and are very light to manoeuvre.

A Lovely Quilt.  
On my left was a brass bedstead which was covered with one of those new silk quilts I mentioned last week. I believe they are "Grecian" quilts of a thick yet light weave and very handsome. This particular one was in gold which looked very well indeed on the brass bed.

## WOMAN'S PAGE

## RAIN OR SHINE.

INEXPENSIVE EVENING FROCKS FROM EVE.

SOME DECORATIVE UMBRELLAS.

Rain or shine you will find plenty of things to make the day bright *chez Eve*, and perhaps most heartening of all is the news that the sale is to be carried on for two more days, and that a number of new goods have been included in it.

## Chic Umbrellas.

As rain appears to be the order of the day, perhaps I had better begin with the umbrellas. They are so delightful as to make one positively look forward to a wet day! They are short, of course, with the correct "military" figure, with charming decorative handles, and covered with coloured silks.

My first favourite is grey with a roman striped border and a grey mount. Corded silk is used in chestnut brown with an amber handle, navy with red mount, and most attractive pinky beige with the new small crook of yellow amber; among others. Very chic is a scarlet silk umbrella with a mount of blue and red "toffee." These umbrellas are marked from \$10.50.

## For Evening Wear.

Among the new evening frocks which have arrived during the last week are several useful black models. A black evening dress is a standby that no woman can afford to be without. It can, if it is not of the very stately and extremely décolleté order, very often be worn in the afternoon or for a tea dance as well as in the evening, and the addition of a different flower, necklace or scarf can work a wonderful metamorphosis in an old favourite.

The first of these black frocks is, of course, quite definitely for evening. It is made of black chiffon with a pretty rain drop effect of *diamanté*, the skirt being cut very long on one side. In an extra large size is a frock of black silk lace and net over a good satin foundation. Another lace dress is found on very becoming lines for a slender woman with its long straight bodice and full fluttering skirt.

I saw, too, some very attractive afternoon and evening frocks in colours, and a splendid collection of woollen jumper suits and cardigans which are very reasonable indeed during the sale.

AT THE SIGN OF THE  
RAINBOW.PYJAMAS, SILKS & UNDIES  
FROM THE PIONEER.

Rainbow colours indeed and in addition some wonderful shades created by the ingenuity of man. Soft silver greens like the underside of spruce leaves, deep glowing claret reds, and all the range of tones inspired by the sandhills, you can find them all among the silks at the Pioneer Silk Store.

Two cases were unpacked before me on Wednesday. One held soft satins in about 50 different shades. This is a very good material for present wear, and has been used for many of the Spring models which are arriving in the Colony from the best Paris and London houses. It is equally good for afternoon and evening, and makes delightful undies, as another box I saw unpacked demonstrated most convincingly. The other case of silks held between 20 and 30 different shades of spun silk, a material whose hard wearing and washing qualities hardly need to be stressed here since it is so well known.

Next I was shown some three-piece pyjamas suits, trousers, sleeveless jumper and three-quarter length coat in printed crepe de chine. They are very pleasing and in good contrast and combinations of colour. Some of the suits had the trousers made of material with a broad black stripe, the same stripe being used, in combination with flowers, on the coat. The jumper was plain.

Some very pretty printed chiffon scarves also claimed my attention.

There are some new embroidered pyjama two-piece suits also in new combinations of colour which will appeal to European women. One, for example, is in grey and lemon yellow crepe de chine. The trousers are yellow, and the grey jumper has a yellow dragon embroidered on it.

I saw, too, some new silk undies of crepe de chine trimmed with drawn thread work and a little embroidery in pastel shades. Other crepe de chine and satin sets are trimmed with the familiar "net appliqué" work.

## THREE FROCKS AND SOME HATS.

SOME BARGAINS AT THE FELIX HAT SHOP.

The sale at the Felix Hat Shop is still being continued for a day or two, and as a large shipment of new spring goods has already arrived, the remainder of the sale goods are being offered at very low prices indeed, in order to clear.

There is, for example, a most desirable collection of hand bags all marked at \$5, most of which were for or five times as much originally. Among these I saw some smart pochettes in brown and beige leather which were nicely fitted.

A table full of hats are all reduced to \$5 and a cupboard holds a number more at \$6. They are some of them felt and some velvet. Many of them really expensive ones, with gold or silver thread, and soft plumage, as for example, a charming "tam" hat in pale pink velvet with a feather mount at one side and stitching

of silver thread. A number of smart little felts in several colours, with a silver or gold buckle, are also among the bargains.

The three frocks which I chose as representative bargains are a jumper suit in navy jersey cloth which is trimmed with stripings of pink on the neck, pockets and cuffs. A brown satin afternoon dress, with a cleverly arranged pleated godet on the left hip, and inset bands of the dull side of the material at the hip line. A Joffre blue afternoon frock of crepe de chine with a pretty fall down the left side of the bodice, and shaped circular godets on either hip, which give a very pretty line to the skirt.

But these are only three of quite a number of other bargains. Jumper suits, and besides the dresses, there are truly wonderful bargains to be had as I have said in hats, and accessories generally.

AN EXCELLENT  
TONIC.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY.

Men never tire of making jokes about women, and a favourite of judicial humorists is the perennial joke about the tonic effects of a new hat.

That joke is justified except that it is no joke but "truth and nothing but the truth." Nothing is so reviving to the spirits and the looks than the possession of new and becoming headgear, and if the learned judge will forgive me, men seem to find exactly the same tonic effect in a visit to the hatter!

But surely of all millinery tonics the first Spring hat is the most potent. Spring at home is so exquisite, so lovely after the dreary winter (I mean, of course, the genuine spring not that according to the calendar) that one feels that the first sunny day must be celebrated by a new hat. And winter is so long and so depressing that the tonic of a new hat, when the first month of the new year is passed is really a necessity.

Happily we are most lucky here. But even in Hong Kong, when the grey and rainy days arrive, the tonic is needed, and the woman's fancy turns very strongly to thoughts of hats, be she young or old. Her feet following her thoughts often turn in the direction of the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.

I told you something about the new spring hats in the Dolly Vardon Shop last week and I am not going to describe any of them again today. But in case you did not see last week's paper, let me assure you that they are a most desirable collection and have been selling like the proverbial "hot cakes." There are new light weight felts, mostly in light colours with interesting trimming of narrow braids of silk straw in black or dark brown. Taffetas and straw are another very good combination, and there are a number of taffetas or corded silk models which are trimmed with flat *appliqué* flowers. Crowns are a little higher and brims of stitched silk, even on straw shapes, are one of the newest fashions.

This is a representative collection of the new spring millinery, and the shapes, colours and trimmings are very pretty and becoming. It will be hard indeed if you can not find the tonic you need to give your heart fresh courage, and your eyes are added brightness, at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop just now.

FAVORITE  
FASHIONS  
By SIMONE

Femininity is noted in the lace collar that terminates in soft jabot ends, in a simple dress of lustrous black crepe, satin, which can be worn smartly for many occasions. The skirt is given new animation through soft gathers, and is attached to hip yoke in pointed outline, to assure a slender silhouette. Silk crepe, either plain or in modernistic print, plain or printed sheer velvet, georgette crepe, crepe Roma, canton-faille crepe and chiffon, are appropriate. The 36-inch size takes 3 yards of 40-inch material with 1-yard of 20-inch contrasting.

FAVORITE  
FASHIONS  
By SIMONE

## Important Style.

Here is a style, as simple as the new mode demands, and quite smart enough for any day-time occasion. It features simple, important new style details in long-sleeved bodice, that affects a hip yoke and full flaring circular skirt. The V-shaped collarless bodice has a deep yoke at front. A bow of ribbon, or self-fabric in sheer materials, is slipped through openings at end of V-neckline, and at top of skirt. The applied sleeve bands, end in bows. Three yards of 40-inch material with yd. of 56-inch contrasting is sufficient for 36-inch size. Crepe, georgette, silk, or sheer woolens, appropriate.

## HANGMAN'S HOUSE.

DONN BYRNE'S FAMOUS  
NOVEL—SCREENED.BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR  
SCENES.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Hangman's House" is a film to see. It is based on the famous novel of that name by Donn Byrne but is hardly as good an interpretation of his work as an earlier picture, "The Ring," which was based on a single chapter. That is perhaps inevitable since so much of the charm of Donn Byrne's work lies in his use of words and his method of telling the story, a method which is utterly foreign to the screen. The "Black and Tan" are surprisingly white washed in Hollywood. But after all the interest of a film is pictorial rather than literary, and there is little to quarrel with in the pictorial aspect of this picture.

The story is in brief that though Connaught O'Brien and Dermot McDermot love each other, the girl is constrained by her father, Jimmy O'Brien, "the Hanging Judge," to marry John Darcy. Darcy is being hunted by Citizen Hogan because he has deserted Hogan's sister, and he falls foul of the whole country side when he shoots his wife's horse after it has won a steeplechase. The end is dramatic. Hogan and Dermot both go to Hangman's House to kill Darcy, and find him stripping the place of its valuables preparatory to flight overseas. In the course of a struggle a lighted candle is thrown down and the whole building blazes up. Darcy had soaked it in coal oil intending to fire it to cover his get away. The villain perishes appropriately with the house on which lies the curse of the country side, and Connaught and her lover are at last united.

The story is exciting, but the picture relies more on its setting for its claim to greatness. All the outdoor scenes are excellent. Hangman's House, a queer pseudo-Elizabethan structure, is seen mirrored in a dreary lake and somehow after the first sight of it early in the film, it takes its place as the centre of the story and the end really comes when the flames die down on its ruins. There are lovely camera pictures of field and country-side wreathed in mist, and the great steeplechase is the best horse race scene, I have yet found on the films. It is nearly as exciting as the chariot race in "Ben Hur" and much more artistic in photography. The scenes of the crowd coming to the course, country people in ass carts, farmers in jamming carts, young squires in a coach, and the gentry on horse back are excellent and most interesting. Victor McLaglen has a good role as Citizen Hogan, although he is perhaps best suited in more roystering parts, he acts very well. Young Dermot is well played by Larry Kent and Connaught O'Brien by June Collyer. Hobart Bosworth gives a very fine presentation of the Hanging Judge. Some of the earlier scenes, when the old man broods over the fire and sees terrifying visions of those on whom he has pronounced judgment, are unusually good. The ungrateful and rather difficult part of Darcy is well taken by Earle Fox.

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## HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE AND  
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MATCHES.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

All Divisions of the English League have a full fixture list of matches to-morrow. Scottish teams are engaged in the second round of the Cup series. The matches are as under:—

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

## Division I.

Arsenal	v. Manchester C.
Aston Villa	v. Burnley.
Blackburn	v. Birmingham.
Bury	v. Cardiff.
Derby	v. Bolton.
Everton	v. Huddersfield.
Leeds U.	v. Liverpool.
Leicester	v. Newcastle.
Manchester U.	v. West Ham.
Sheffield U.	v. Wednesday.
Sunderland	v. Portsmouth.

## Division II.

Blackpool	v. Notts For.
Bradford	v. Clapton.
Chelms	v. Bristol C.
Grimsby	v. Stoke.
Millwall	v. Tottenham.
Notts C.	v. Reading.
Oldham	v. Barnsley.
Port Vale	v. Hull.
Southampton	v. Middlesbro'
Swansea	v. West Brom.
Wolves	v. Preston.

## Division III. (Southern).

Bournemouth	v. Luton.
Brighton	v. Norwich.
Bristol E.	v. Fulham.
Crystal Pal.	v. Swindon.
Exeter	v. Charlton.
Mother's	v. Coventry.
Newport	v. Torquay.
Queen's P.R.	v. Brentford.
Southend	v. Northampton.
Walsall	v. Gillingham.
Watford	v. Plymouth.

## Division III. (Northern).

Ashington	v. Chesterfield.
Crewe	v. Hartlepool.
Darlington	v. Rochdale.
Doncaster	v. Barrow.
Nelson	v. New Brighton.
Halifax	v. Lincoln.
Rotherham	v. Southport.
South Shields	v. Wrexham.
Stockport	v. Bradford C.
Tranmere	v. Accrington.
Wigan	v. Carlisle.

## SCOTTISH CUP.

The Second Round.

Third Lanark	v. St. Mirren.
Rangers	v. Partick T.
Murrayfield	v. Arbroath.
Aberdeen	v. Queen's Park.
Clyde	v. Hamilton.
Dunfermline	v. Raith.
Albion Rovers	v. Clackmannan.
Kilmarnock	v. Boness.
Brechin	v. Dundee.
Celtic	v. East Stirling.
Cowdenbeath	v. Airdrie.
Fraserburgh	v. Dumfries.
Queen O' South	v. Falkirk.
Stenhousemuir	v. Dundee United.
Ayr United	v. Armadale.
St. Johnstone	v. Motherwell.

## ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

## HEAVY SCORING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 30th.  
In the replays of the F.A. Cup Bottom and Liverpool were level with 2 goals each after full time, but Bottom added three more goals in the extra period.

The full results were:—  
Clapton Or. ... 0 Aston Villa ... 8  
Ory. Palace ... 5 Millwall ... 3  
Swindon ... 3 Burnley ... 2  
Derby Cnty. ... 0 Blackburn ... 3  
Bolton Wn. ... 5 Liverpool ... 2

Two league matches were also played to-day, resulting as follows:—

## Division I.

Manchester	v. Bury
Barnsley	v. Chelsea

## Division II.

Barnsley	v. Chelsea
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## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA

A.A.

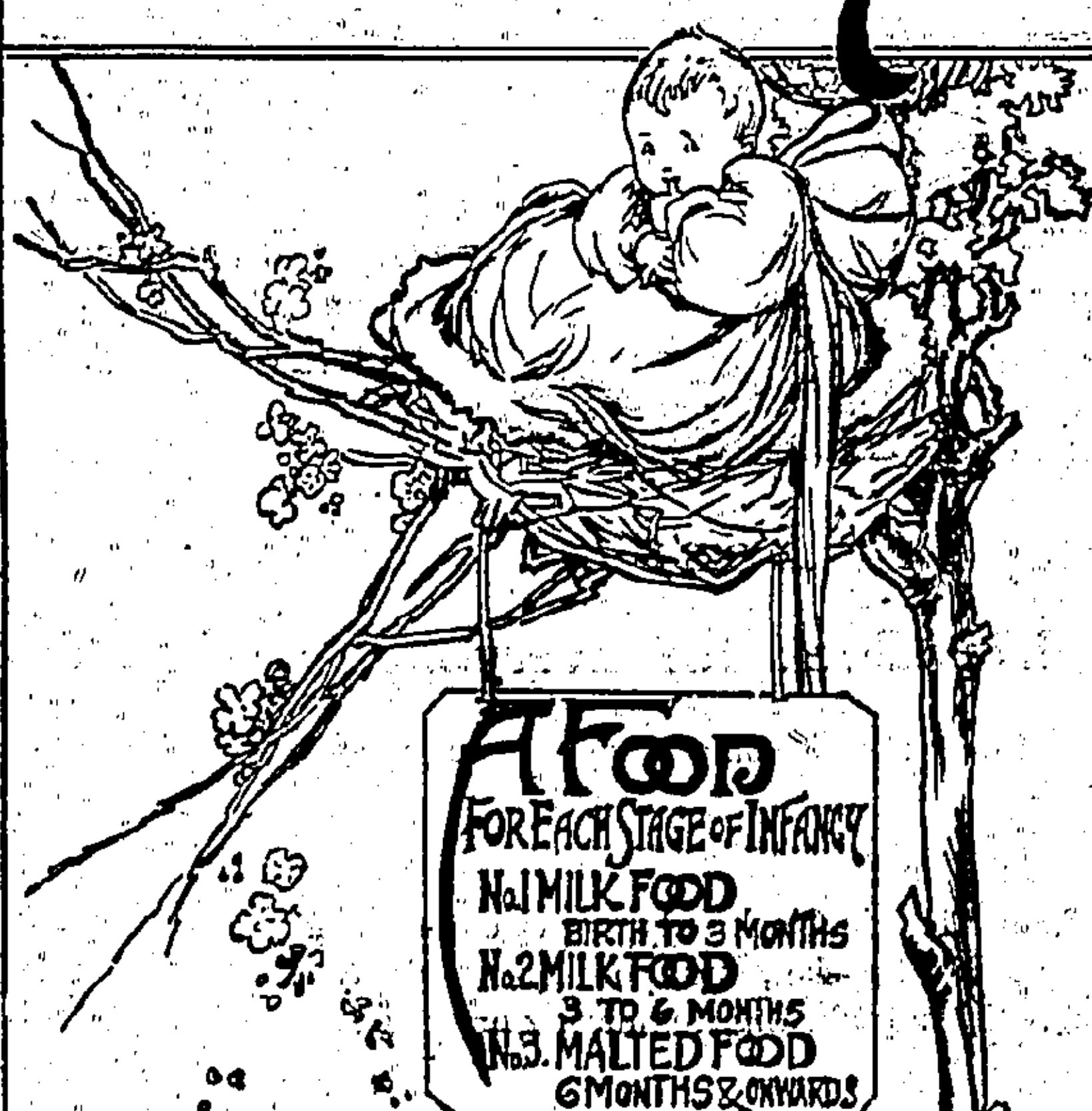
The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI. v. South China Athletic in their League Match at Caroline Hill ground to-morrow. Kick off at 4 p.m.: Angus, Robson, Fie, Hedley, Easterbrook, Downman, Clemo, Bliss, Spary, McKelvie, Miles.  
Reserves: Baldwin, Davies.

KOWLOON 2nd XI v. H.M.S.

SUFFOLK.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. v. H.M.S. Suffolk in a friendly game on Kowloon Football Club ground, to-morrow. Kick off at 4 p.m.: Angus, Moore, Eastman, (Capt.) Hart, Campbell, Nicholls, Hannan, Molloy, Moss, Morgan, Blacklock.  
Reserves: Waddington, Seddon, King, White.

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## RUGBY.

## FINAL INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following will represent the Rugby Section of the H.K.F.C. in the final trial match versus United Services on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday):—R. J. Grieve, A. A. L. Plummer, V. W. L. Stanton, M. D. Scott, C. D. Wales (Captain), J. L. Bonnar, J. Milne-Day, H. F. Akhurst, W. Leckie, E. R. West, J. Riddell, W. Lithgow-Smith, R. P. Moodie, B. P. Massey.

Reserves: W. Beveridge, J. Morry.

Referee: H. F. P. Brown.

Touchjudge: A. Gordon.

## CRICKET NOTES.

## YET ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Yet another surprise and a real one this time came along last Saturday in the First League. The only game played was between the Chinese Recreation Club and the University. Personally though I would expect Kowloon to beat the University seven times out of ten, I should be much more convinced of the ability of the University to defeat the Chinese. But instead, they got as bad a beating as did Kowloon! There are two points which stand out particularly in these two "crowning mercies." If I may so term them, of the C.R.C. In the first place they are both almost entirely personal triumphs for W. C. Hung. I gave details of his performance against Kowloon last week. On Saturday last he made 31 runs out of 130 and took 8 wickets for 37. He thus totalled in two consecutive matches 119 runs and 13 wickets for 76 runs. In the second place, in each game the C.R.C. made what one is tempted to call an impudent declaration! One hundred and forty against Kowloon! One hundred and thirty-eight against the University! But it is an impudence which might well be held to amount to genius.

The interesting point will be now whether the University will beat the Hong Kong Club to-morrow. It is most unlikely. And yet it is not more unlikely than that they should be beaten by the C.R.C.

## Second Division.

That it was going to be difficult to catch the I.R.C. B in the Junior Division was always evident. It will be even harder now, since they won one of their remaining two games last Saturday. The R.A.O.C. must have given them a bit of a fright as there was a tremendous slump in the middle of the Indians batting. A. R. Saffell, Sirdar Khan and J. M. A. Rumiha, however, proved equal to the occasion and a two wickets victory resulted.

The R.E. and S. held their place however—or rather went up one—by crushing the Craigengower second. I don't know if it was a failure to score that made Wyatt particularly dandy, but he clean bowled no less than seven men for 9 runs. Possibly he was bowling after the drizzle set in, and was helped out by that.

The Club second were not engaged in a League Match. They seem, however, very keen on reaching first place and may do it. With four matches in hand, a possible twelve points, they are ten behind the Indians. And with two matches in hand, they are three behind R.E. and S. The latter team cannot possibly win whatever they do, provided that the I.R.C. win their final match outright. Unfortunately I am unaware at present against whom the match is.

Though not having a bearing on the decision of the League mention must be made of the excellent win of the Navy against Kowloon second. The runs were obtained very rapidly at the end, but probably the result was due to the fact that "The Navy caught nine catches instead of dropping nine." I quote by the way from a member of the Navy side, and am not responsible for the feelings evoked by this statement.

## Friendlies.

The Civil Service, without de Rome, failed in batting against the Club. Quick bowled well with good catching to support him. Mitchell caught three, one of which, dismissing Baker, was a fine running catch on the boundary. Parker got 3 for 11, but two of them were off long hops! He bowled a great many excellent balls but they were a shade short of a length and went over the sticks. Hayward and Quick batted very well against the C.S.C.'s earlier bowlers and, with the match won, the rest proceeded to take liberties. Edmunds, going on late and spinning the ball a bit, got 7 for 39—pitching the ball well up and being backed up by some good catching. Baker caught Quick and Evers brilliantly at deep long on off successive balls.

There was an interesting game between K.C.C. and an Army eleven. Oliver came off well with 65 not out, while Ramsay also did well. For the Army, Musson who, I venture to think, is worth a lot more runs than is generally supposed, batted excellently but he only found support in Vedder. Goodwin got 8 for 42 and there were two run outs.

The Club second had little difficulty in beating the Civil Service; Reccio also dealt conclusively with the Police; and A. E. Min's team beat the Electric, although the latter had declared with 183 for 8.

## Forthcoming Games.

I have already referred to the Club and University Match. It should be a very close game between the Navy and the Gunners, and either side might win. Probably the side that holds its catches will get home. In the second Division H.K.C.C. should win against the Police and R.E. and S. against "Varsity II." The big game now looming on the horizon is the Club and the United Services, which will be played, I am told, on Monday and Tuesday, February 11th and 12th. It should be an excellent match to watch, for those of like mind with the Babe B. A. who, had he been an Emperor, would have hired twenty-two men to play cricket before him.

(Continued on next Column).

## ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM.

## NO CHANGES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Adelaide, Jan. 31st. The team to represent England in the Fourth Test which opens here to-morrow, will be:—

A. P. F. Chapman (captain), J. C. White, D. R. Jardine, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Hendren, Harwood, Tate, Geary, Duckworth.

The eleven is precisely the same as that which defeated Australia in the Second and Third Tests.

## SWIMMING.

## ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR ARNE BORG.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Mildura, Jan. 30th. Arne Borg, the famous Olympic swimmer, who is touring Australia, broke the quarter-mile record for Victoria to-day, completing the distance in 5 mins. 1.2-3ths seconds.

To publish the selected teams next week.

## At Last.

We have at last got a drop of rain and our worthy Director of Royal Observatory is rapidly recovering his popularity with cricketers. But I rather agree with the charming young lady who begged him to arrange it after midnight and before breakfast. Seriously speaking, it has come in the nick of time as pitches were getting positively dreadful. It's effect on cricket will be interesting. It will, of course, be easier to turn the ball and fewer good-uns will go just over. On the other hand, the feeling that any ball may hit the base of the stumps or the tip of your left ear does not make for good batting.

## Cricket As She Is Reported.

By the courtesy of a correspondent I am enabled to reproduce a genuine account of a house watch at a well known public school as reported in a home letter. I have changed nothing but have merely eliminated names.

"It was a wonderful match. We went in first and made in the first innings 141 all out! Then we went in again and it was 99 for 4 and still 3 runs to get to save an innings defeat. Well two of our batsmen (— and —) stayed in and saved the situation by putting on 118 runs between them. Then we went out but we still had 3 wickets in hand. Would you believe it! the next two men came out first ball each. The next man then went in and promptly ran— (who had made 117 and was our only hope) out! Oh it was wicked. The next two men then got out first ball! The last man having walked out to put the pitch— turned round to see himself run out! The idiot!!

Well they (—) had 104 runs to get to win and a fairly strong batting side. Then came out luck— between the innings it poured with heavy rain for about five minutes and then the sun came out strongly. Well it gave our great bowler (—) Captain of the 1st XI, his chance. He hadn't "come off" incidentally before then.

Well it was 40 for 1 and spirits were low. Then owing to his magnificent bowling 63 for 7!! Then came a stand and there were 4 runs to get and two wickets to go. One wicket came down and so there was one wicket to go and four runs to get. The last man hit a hard one towards the boundary, travelling fast along the ground. Our field— (Champion sprinter 1 mile) was after it like a shot—and marvel of marvels—just managed to stop it. Well the batsman had two runs and were in the middle of the run which meant a tie!

You won't believe what happened next—it was just like an impossible fictional occurrence. Both batsmen—running hard—and both not looking to see where they were going because they were looking to see whether it was a boundary (and so if it were, the Cup)—collided head on and completely knocked each other out. They were carried off insensible from the middle of the pitch and I had won the Cup by 2 runs!! Oh! it was marvelous!

Oh! it was marvelous!

It certainly was.

R. ABBIT.

## ROYAL NAVY v. R.A.

The following will represent the Royal Navy v. Royal Artillery in a Division I League match, commencing 9 p.m. to-morrow on the E.N. ground, King's Park:—

Comdr. F. C. Baker (captain), Comdr. J. N. Pelly, Comdr. E. G. Stanley, Pay-Lieut. H. S. Watch, Pay-Lieut. C. F. Waters, Lieut. F. G. Phillips, R.M., Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe, R.M., Midshipman K. Parkhurst, Sub-Lieut. C. H. Single, Midshipman G. C. Sutherland, Sub-Lieut. H. C. Simms.

## ARCHITECT WINS CLAIM.

## DEFENDANT FINDS COST TOO HEAVY.

## FEES FOR PREPARATION OF PLANS.

Judgment was delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice P. Jacks at the Summary Court in the case in which Mr. William Thom, architect, sued the Wing Yip Company, and Chen Tse Yuen, for the sum of \$700 claimed as professional services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans for levelling New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 613.

His Lordship said:—

This is a claim by an architect for professional services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans for levelling New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 613 and erecting a dwelling house thereon.

The plaintiff appears to have no satisfactory record of the instructions he received. His plans bear no dates or notes relating to approval or otherwise, but defendant admits instructing him to prepare plans for approval and in respect of part of the claim has paid \$200 into Court.

The plaintiff prepared tracings in accordance with a sketch put before him by defendant, which he contends that defendant approved.

The plaintiff has put in the drawings which he prepared. I do not believe he would have gone to the length of preparing these had his tracings not been approved. Neither do I believe that he would have prepared contract plans had his drawings not been approved. Such a course would have been sheer waste of time.

## Evidence Conflicting.

The evidence was conflicting but I believe the architect prepared plans according to his instructions and that his plans were approved.

It was contended by defendant that the drawings were for a building too large for the area available, but I find on sifting them that this is not so. The house shown on the drawings does not exceed an area of 4,000 square feet according to scale.

The defendant at some time had discovered that the orientation of the house as shown in the drawings did not please him but this would not render the plans useless provided sufficient area was available.

## An Extension Wanted.

The defendant admitted that he wanted an extension in order that the house might be turned to another position. The extension was granted. So there seems no reason why he should not have approved the plans and proceeded with the work.

I believe the reason the work was not proceeded with was that the cost was heavier than the defendant anticipated and that he subsequently decided to erect something less ambitious.

The claim seems to me a reasonable one for the amount of work done. I give judgment for the plaintiff for \$300 and costs. The \$200 paid into Court may be paid out to the plaintiff.

## THE SEVEN AGES.

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Then the Coogan, with dirty freckled face And never thought of school. And then the lover

Sighing like Radolf, with many a Merjou leer Made to 'his mistress' eyebrow.

Then the soldier Full of fierce pose, moustachioed like Duggie

Jealous in honour, seeking the bubble reputation Even in the camera's lens. And then the sheriff

With eyes severe and hair of Coolidge cut Full of wise cracks and ready at the draw.

And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts Into the plump and pompous heavy pants.

With spectacles on nose and ear at door Opposing first the match but in the end

Relenting with a smile. Last scene of all That ends this life unreal. Holly-woody,

Is sloppily sententious and close-up with everything.

## FILM MAKING IN SINGAPORE.

## LOCAL PEOPLE TAKE MINOR PARTS.

Singapore, January 18th.—The Victoria Theatre was transformed into a film studio yesterday for the purpose of "shooting" various interior scenes of "Shadows," a British film, which will be released for universal production this year. Capt. Malins, already well-known to Singapore for his motor-cycle trip from Europe to the East during which he passed through here, is directing the film and is also taking one of the leading roles. He is assisted by Capt. Reid, the writer of the scenario, who also takes one of the principal characters.

## Singapore Takes No Small Part.

The picture is being made for British Screen Productions, Ltd., and includes scenes in Burma, Siam, Java, Singapore and Johore. Singapore plays no small part in the most interesting scenes are being taken here. Work was begun yesterday morning, with several local people all of whom had previous experience of theatrical work, taking minor parts. The Singapore police will also appear in the film, and their contribution will give some idea of the many dangers they have to face. Among the other actors taking part is Miss Nadine Arlen, who has the leading feminine role, while a large number of Asiatics will also appear.

Work has already been in progress for three months, and it is expected to finish the actual filming in about another three weeks—two of which will be taken in Singapore. Then the reels will have to be developed, edited and cut, and it will be several months before the finished article is ready for the market. However, it is expected to put the picture into circulation before the end of the year.

## The Story.

The story opens in Burma, where an Englishman, Major Mallard (Captain Reid), has received a commission to discover the whereabouts of a certain valuable formula, which has disappeared. He proceeds down through the East, endeavouring to pick up some clues of its whereabouts, and eventually is advised to seek the assistance of a renegade by the name of Gerald Rawden (Captain Malins), owing to the latter's extensive knowledge of the district. Through Indo-China they search in vain, but eventually receive information which brings them to Singapore.

Here, after many thrilling adventures, including a fight between the police and the rival faction, the holder of the formula escapes down the Singapore river, and although chased by motor-launch, he boards a seaplane and gets away to the Dutch East Indies. Mallard and Rawden trek him down, and there they come to the final round. They discover the formula, and in getting it away they have a fierce encounter in the hills, and it is only through Rawden giving his life in keeping back the foe while Mallard escapes to safety that the formula is saved. The picture ends with the former renegade being honoured in death by a military funeral.

## SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR ITS FUTURE FORECASTED.

## NEW ROLLING STOCK TO BE PURCHASED?

Nanking, January 18th.—The Year 1929 bids fair to be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway so far as its financial possibilities are concerned.

According to latest reports from the Railway, the approximate cash balance anticipated at the end of June, calculated on the basis of the preceding year, will be in the neighbourhood of \$1,068,000 and at the end of the year \$3,068,000; assuming that the earnings for the first period average \$23,000 a day and for the latter period \$30,000, and that the saving on coal through reduction in price is about \$300,000 for the whole year.

Out of the total cash balance of \$3,068,000, one million dollars will be allotted for capital expenditure covering the last four years, in accordance with the 1924 Agreement which provided \$250,000 a year for such purpose. An amount of \$1,247,000 will also be set aside for

meeting amortization charges. After deducting another sum of \$350,000 (taken from last year's total), as allowance for unpaid military traffic, and making provision for capital funds and amortization charges above-mentioned, there should remain a net cash balance of about \$300,000.

The Railway should make handsome earnings, as a result of the return of peaceful conditions throughout the region it traverses, and the choice of Nanking as the site of the National Government's Capital. From the earnings alone, new additional rolling stock may be purchased to meet the increasing volume of traffic, both passenger and goods.

Half of the amount of capital funds—\$500,000—may be utilized for uncompleted works, urgent capital works, and Sentinel coaches already purchased. The other half may be devoted to the acquisition of passenger engines, coach underframes, goods engines and wagons costing in all a total of \$1,500,000 the balance short to be made up from earnings of the additional stock in two years.

In short, the financial prospects of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway are excellent and the figures given conservative and reasonable. The proposals for the acquisition of much needed expansion are decidedly favourable to bondholders. Kuo Min News Agency.

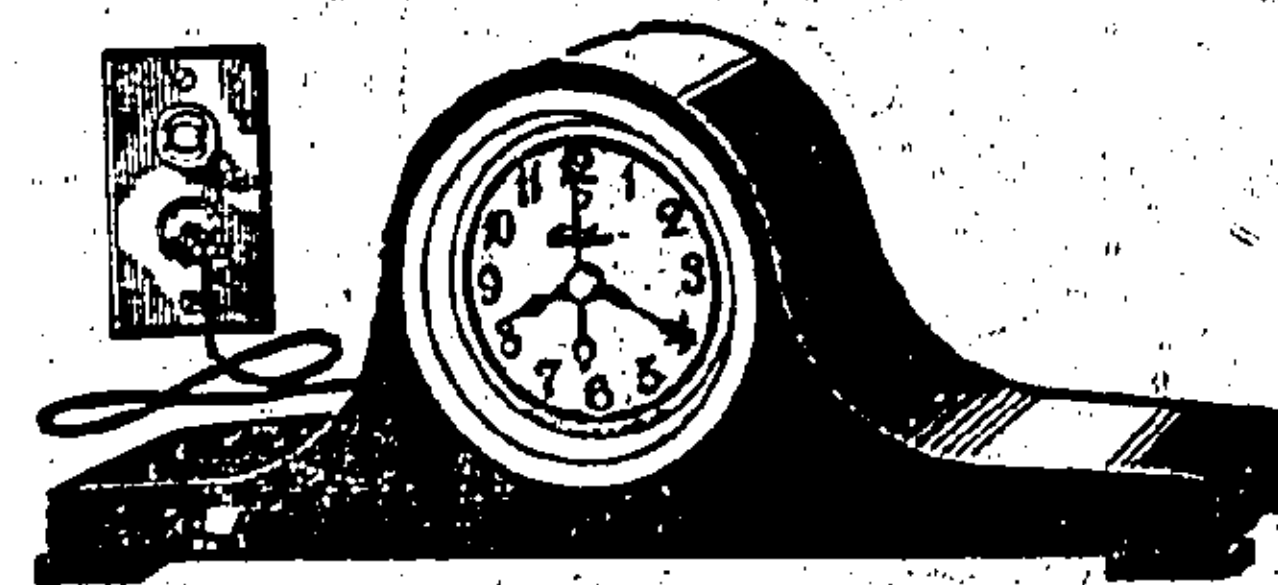
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COMPIEGNE ... 15th Mar.	PORTHOS ... 12th Mar.
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## ARRIVALS.

January 30th.  
G. G. Paul Doumer, French str., 1,488 tons, Capt. Kerjean, from Saigon and Swatow, with 800 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. B38—Messageries Maritimes.

January 31st.  
Atago Maru, Japanese str., 4,518 tons, Capt. S. Shibutani, from Kobe and Hilo, lying at buoy No. A2—N.Y.K.

Bitihina, British str., 3,338 tons, Capt. M. E. Ractt, from Balikpapan, which port she left on January 24th, with a general cargo, lying at North Point—A.P.C.

Chenau, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. N. Hargis, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S. Chinkiang, British str., 1,229 tons, Capt. C. Stringer, from Canton, in ballast, lying at buoy No. C37—B. & S.

Dohus, British m.s., 5,994 tons, Capt. T. B. Nelson, from Liverpool and ports. She left Singapore on January 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Hai Yang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Hallford, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. J. Marlsen, from Bangkok, which port she left on January 21st, with 1,980 tons of rice and mail, lying at buoy No. B43—Thorsen & Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,320 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S.

Kwong Sang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,508 tons, Capt. Yasukawa, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Yau-mat—N.Y.K.

Macedonia, British str., 11,119 tons, Capt. R. Harrison, from London, which port she left on December 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Mao Lee, Chinese str., 1,200 tons, Capt. Y. Watanabe, from Dairen and Swatow, with 400 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Yee Tai Hong.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 5,000 tons, Capt. G. Arai, from Yokohama, which port she left on January 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 393 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwong Chow Wan, with 940 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C13—Man Yick.

Telemachus, British str., 1,340 tons, Capt. A. Hall, from Saigon, which port she left on January 25th, with 1,700 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. B34—Wo Fat Sing.

Timavo, Italian str., 7,434 tons, Capt. Zabeo Giannini, from Trieste and Singapore. The latter port she left on January 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Doddwell & Co.

Tonkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40—Messageries Maritimes.

## CLEARANCES.

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Freight M.S. "Trave"	...	due here	28th Mar.
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 2	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 11
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 25
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 15
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 20
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 10
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 31	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 1

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Mar. 8	Mar. 10	EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 15

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HAKONE MARU (Call Hall) ... Saturday, 23rd Feb.

SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 23rd Feb.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 23rd Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Porto.

KAGA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Feb.

TAMAGO MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 18th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,  
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANTO MARU ... Friday, 1st Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape  
Town & Porto.

KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 4th Mar.

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

ATAGO MARU ... Friday, 1st Feb.

KUMA MARU ... Saturday, 9th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.

DELAGUA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Feb.

OLACUITA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MAIACUA MARU ... Saturday, 9th Feb.

NAAGAO MARU ... Friday, 15th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MURORAN MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Feb.

TOTOHORI MARU ... Sunday, 3rd Feb.

HAKOZAKI MARU ... Monday, 4th Feb.

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Vessels Expected, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT  
RETURNS.

GOOD IMPORTS AND THROUGH  
FREIGHTS.

## TWENTY-EIGHT ARRIVALS.

The general cargo returns for the  
24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday  
were very good. Local imports were  
very well indeed, and through  
freights well above the average.  
Twenty-eight arrivals and seventeen  
departures were shown of which  
twelve arrivals and seven departures  
were British ships. Cargo  
carried by British ships was also  
good.

Nineteen vessels discharged 24,518  
tons of general cargo for this port  
of which 5,988 tons were contributed  
by seven British ships. The two  
big returns were shown by the a.s.  
Silverbell (Dutch) with 7,350 tons  
of kerosene and oil fuel from Balikpapan  
(French) and the a.s. Limchow  
(French) from Haiphong and Hoi-  
chow with 3,080 tons of general  
cargo.

Eleven vessels carried 17,788 tons  
of through merchandise of which  
8,573 tons were carried by five  
British ships. The two heaviest  
carriers were the a.s. Takada  
(British) with 3,443 tons of general  
merchandise from Calcutta and  
Singapore, and the a.s. Atago Maru  
(Japanese) with 3,080 tons of sugar  
from Kobe and Hiole.

The arrivals and departures during  
the period under review were as  
follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	12	7
Japanese	5	3
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	4	2
Dutch	1	2
French	2	1
German	0	1
Portuguese	1	0
American	1	1
Total	28	17

## DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Takada (British) arrived from  
Calcutta and Singapore with 1,306  
tons of general cargo for Hong  
Kong and 3,443 tons for through  
ports.

Hai Yang (British) arrived from  
Fochow and Swatow with 400 tons  
of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydrangen (British) arrived  
from Swatow with 121 tons of  
general cargo and tobacco for  
Hong Kong.

Kwai Sang (British) arrived  
from Canton with 300 tons of general  
merchandise for through ports.

Aratuna (British) arrived from  
Yokohama and Moji with 911 tons  
of Japanese merchandise for  
through ports.

Alipore (British) arrived from  
Yakkaichi and Shanghai with 220  
tons of general cargo for Hong  
Kong and 2,900 tons for through  
ports.

Szechuen (British) arrived from  
Shanghai and Swatow with 570 tons  
of general cargo for Hong Kong  
and 40 tons for through ports.

Chinkun (British) arrived from  
Bangkok and Kosiachang with 1,700  
tons of rice and general cargo for  
Hong Kong.

Telemachus (British) arrived  
from Saigon with 1,700 tons of  
general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chinkiang (British) arrived from  
Canton with 70 tons of general  
cargo for through ports.

Chenau (British) arrived from  
Canton with 150 tons of general  
cargo for through ports.

(Continued on next column).

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Changie, Feb. 10.

Taipei, March 8th.

Bank Line.

Polaris, to-day.

Rosier, March 2nd.

City of Khartoum, Feb. 11th.

City of Guildford, March 2nd.

City of Delhi, March 11th.

City of Khios, March 21st.

City of Lincoln, April 23rd.

San Line.

Beledi, Feb. 6th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Calchas, to-morrow.

Autolous, Feb. 4th.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Pastorius, Feb. 7th.

Lion, Feb. 8th.

Demodocus, Feb. 18th.

Bellerophon, Feb. 20th.

Spedon, Feb. 20th.

Euryades, Feb. 24th.

Troilus, Feb. 24th.

Tyndareus, Feb. 24th.

Menelaus, March 3rd.

Achilles, March 5th.

Agamemnon, March 5th.

Aeneas, March 7th.

Meriones, March 14th.

Proteus, March 18th.

Keemun, March 20th.

Ajax, March 27th.

Oanis, March 28th.

Diomed, March 31st.

Pyrhus, April 2nd.

Hector, April 4th.

Laomedon, April 5th.

Talhybuis, April 8th.

Asaphion, April 14th.

Neleus, April 22nd.

Neleus, April 22nd.

Perseus, April 22nd.

Dardanus, April 30th.

Radnor (American) arrived from  
New York and San Pedro with 861  
tons of general cargo for Hong  
Kong and 2,046 tons for other  
ports.

Limchow (French) arrived from  
Haiphong and Hoihow with 2,000  
tons of coal and general cargo and  
483 pigs for Hong Kong and 300  
tons of coal for Canton.

Gouverneur General Paul Doumer  
(French) arrived from Saigon and  
Swatow with 1,300 tons of general  
merchandise for Hong Kong.

Silverbell (Dutch) arrived from  
Balikpapan with 7,073 tons of  
kerosene and 300 tons of aviation  
spirit and 300 empty drums for  
Hong Kong.

Haidis (Norwegian) arrived from  
Bangkok and Kosiachang with 1,366  
tons of rice and general cargo for  
Hong Kong.

Tin Sie (Portuguese) arrived  
from Wuchow and Samshui with  
190 tons of general cargo for Hong  
Kong.

Atago Maru (Japanese) arrived  
from Kobe and Hiole with 3,080  
tons of centrifugal sugar for  
through ports.

Canton Maru (Japanese) arrived  
from Keelung and Swatow with 73  
tons of coal and general merchandise  
for Hong Kong.

Bongal Maru (Japanese) arrived  
from Yokohama and Moji with  
1,234 tons of general cargo for  
Hong Kong and 2,997 tons for  
through ports.

Fukuy Maru (Japanese) arrived  
from Kobe and Keelung with 1,368  
tons of cement and 84 tons of  
match sticks for Hong Kong.

Mao Lee (Chinese) arrived from  
Dairen and Swatow with 400 tons  
of general merchandise for Hong  
Kong and 1,200 tons for through  
ports.

Sun Kong (Chinese) arrived from  
Kwong Chow Wan with 240 tons of  
general merchandise for Hong  
Kong.

DAILY WATERFRONT  
NEWS.

DESTROYERS GO TO  
ASSISTANCE.

Two Japanese destroyers have  
been sent from Formosa to the  
assistance of the a.s. Astihara  
Maru which stranded in the Hai-  
nan Straits. Two Japanese mer-  
chant vessels at present standing by  
will remain until the arrival of  
the men-of-war. Up till the present  
no further news has been re-  
ceived of the Taikoo tug which left  
here for the spot; and which should  
have arrived by this time.

## Steamer Ashore In Pearl River.

The Butterfield & Swire vessel  
Chinkiang arriving here from  
Canton reports passing a steamer  
ashore at approximate position  
Tiger Island West, Tailing Island  
North. As the vessel was not flying  
any signal of distress the  
master of the Chinkiang proceeded  
on her course without stopping.  
The master also reports very bad  
visibility.

## Collision Narrowly Avoided.

The master of the a.s. Canton  
Maru (Japanese), arriving from  
Keelung and Swatow, reports that  
whilst on her way to her wharf on  
the waterfront, she had to anchor  
at No. 7 buoy in the midstream to  
avoid the risk of colliding with a  
Taiwan Ferry launch and a sail-  
ing junk. In consequence of the  
sudden manoeuvre the vessel's an-  
chor fouled the left-side chain of  
the aforementioned buoy, but with-  
out doing serious damage.

## Anchor And Cable Lost At Sea.

The a.s. Fukuy Maru (Japanese)  
which arrived from Kobe and Ke-  
lung reports having lost a sea  
anchor and 35 fathoms of cable  
about 200 miles from Hong Kong.

## Death On Vessel After Arrival.

A report from the master of the  
a.s. Takada (British) which arrived  
from Calcutta and Singapore states  
that a death from consumption oc-  
curred on board at 9 p.m., three  
hours after the vessel berthed at  
the Kowloon Wharves.

## S.S. Taming Goes To Dock.

The S.S. Taming of the China  
Navigation Company, arrived here  
in ballast from Wuhu and Swatow  
and went into dock at the Taikoo  
Shipyards for annual overhaul and  
refit.

## Heavy Cargo Of Oil Fuel.

The a.s. Silverbell (Dutch) ar-  
riving from Balikpapan brought a  
heavy cargo of oil fuel for the  
 Asiatic Petroleum Company. The  
vessel carried 1,075 tons of kerosene,  
775 tons of benzine, 300 drums of  
aviation spirit and 300 empty  
drums for Hong Kong. She is  
berthed alongside the A.P.C. In-  
stallation premises at North Point.

## Asiatic 1928 Passengers.

Thirteen vessels brought 2,213  
Asiatic deck-passengers to the  
Colony during the 24 hours ended  
at 9 a.m. yesterday. The a.s.  
Takada (B. & L.) was the best bar-  
rager, with 1,522 deck passengers.

## British-India and Apar Line.

Tiawa, Feb. 6th.  
Takamba, Feb. 10th.  
Takliwa, Feb. 12th.  
Talmis, Feb. 17th.

## Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Australia, Feb. 13th.  
Dodwell & Co.  
Reno, Feb. 4th.  
Plyer, Feb. 18th.  
Viminale, Feb. 23th.

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"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,003	16th Feb.	Marseilles, Casablanca, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	9,507	9th Mar.	Mars. L'lon, A.werp, B'ham, H'g.
"KHIVA"	9,135	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHIVER"	9,114	30rd Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	16,038	13th Apr.	S'hai, Mars. & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,947	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	10,953	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOOREA"	10,953	15th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,538	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.
"KASHGAR"	9,003	6th July	Marseilles and London.
"KANPURA"	16,491	20th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHIVER"	9,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	31st Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,947	23rd Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,953	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Oct.	Marseilles and London.



